

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

TRACTORS FOR CHINA: HK REACTION

Those Tractors

NEWS that the British Government has — at last — granted licences for the export of 60 tractors to China will be well received in this Colony — though as leading businessmen point out it is something that should have been done long ago. The point that one businessman makes that the orders are only samples must dampen any satisfaction our hard-pressed traders may feel at the prospect of increased trade between Britain and China.

Thus the Colony should jump to no hasty conclusions. As far as the tractors are concerned they have to be sold first, then tested for suitability on Chinese farms. And only if a big order is received as a result, and the necessary licences granted without further delay can there be any real justification for feeling that trade prospects are changing for the better.

It will come as a surprise to many that the British Government is only just beginning to give licences for samples when the goods involved, though "strategic", are not actually banned. If this procedure is necessary for every item British manufacturers hope to sell to China as the restrictions are eased, it is going to take some time to get these exports on the move.

It is hard to understand why some thought was not given to this position long ago — especially as "others have done it." It is surely paramount for Britain which is hard pressed by German and Japanese competition in world markets not to lag behind its rivals. And the history of Sino-Western trade in the last 60 years shows that initiative has always paid — particularly as far as Germany and Japan are concerned.

One can only imagine that Britain's loyalty to and respect for international obligations and her policy of sticking to the strict letter of the embargo agreements have resulted in this extremely cautious approach, where other governments have been a little more imaginative, but hardly less prudent, in preparing themselves for the obvious opportunities ahead.

Considering Britain's position as one of the leading members of the Western alliance its attitude is not all together unreasonable. Criticism may be tempered by this fact, but with a little realistic thinking a few months ago it might have given its hard-pressed manufacturers a start they so badly need in the race to develop new markets.

ANOTHER Hong Kong businessman points out that unless Britain begins exporting certain goods to China now there is a danger that items like tractors will be permanently excluded because of China's reliance on proven markets in Russia and the satellites. The point that could have been made too, is that the lopsided Western attitude to trade with Communist countries in general is actually helping to confirm the unfortunate trade pattern.

Tardy Step
But A
Good Thing
BUSINESSMEN'S
OPINIONS

A leading Hong Kong businessman today described the British Government's decision to grant licences for the export of 60 tractors to Communist China as a "tardy step" and "breathlessly late — as usual".

He said the licences — which were only for samples — should have been issued "ages ago".

"As these tractors are just a sample order, they still have to be tested on farms in China to see if they are suitable," he said.

He said the British Government should have issued licences for sample orders much earlier. "Others have done it. It seems to me to be an elementary step."

However, he described the decision as "a step in the right direction."

It is understood that three groups applied for and were granted licences to export 20 sample tractors to China. Two of the groups involved are David Brown Ltd. and Massey Harris Ltd. both of Manchester.

The name of the third group could not be ascertained.

It is understood that no sale, as such, has yet been finalised. Negotiations are still going on between representatives of the firms and the Chinese authorities.

Decision 2 Years
Too Late

Another leading Hong Kong businessman said this morning: "This (decision) is about two years late — but now that it's here, I think it is a jolly good thing and, of course, I thoroughly approve of it."

"If China does not get tractors from the United Kingdom now they will get them from Czechoslovakia and Russia, as they have in the past."

"And the trouble is that they're getting used to these tractors that they are importing from Russia and satellite countries and if this state of affairs is allowed to continue much longer we'll find that we'll never be able to sell any."

"And when the restrictions are lifted you'll find that we've just had it — that is why it is paramount that something should be done now."

"Revenge"
Raids Ended
Says Cairo

Cairo, Apr. 11. Egypt has withdrawn her "Fedayeen" suicide commandos from Israel, the Cairo radio announced tonight.

The broadcast said the Fedayeen had completed their mission of "revenge" for Israeli attacks on Gaza civilians.

The withdrawal announcement came on the second day of UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld's 10-day mission visit to Cairo and just hours after the UN chief met with Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser for "crucial talks."

The Cairo radio announced that 300 Fedayeen were sent across the Gaza frontier and completed 60 "suicide attacks" against Israeli towns in revenge for Israel's attack on Gaza civilians.

LOSSES

Ten of the Fedayeen commandos were killed, the announcement said. (Israel claimed that her forces killed 11 of the "suicide" attackers during their raids inside Israel this week.)

The Cairo radio said the Fedayeen "revenge" raids for Israeli attacks on Gaza civilians began after an exchange of artillery fire along the Gaza strip. Egyptian authorities claimed Israeli artillery fire killed more than 50 civilians in villages along the bloody border.

The day after the battle the Fedayeen began their infiltration of Israel. —United Press.

But Near Tel-Aviv

Jerusalem, Apr. 11. Three schoolchildren were shot dead and ten persons were wounded in Fedayeen attacks a bare eight miles from Tel-Aviv, Israel announced tonight.

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ARAB-ISRAEL CEASEFIRE
HAMMARSKJOLD
GIVES NASSER
HIS PROPOSALS

Cairo, Apr. 11. Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, United Nations Secretary-General, today put to the Egyptian Prime Minister, Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, proposals for easing tension on the Israel border, the Premier's spokesman stated.

Colonel Nasser gave him Egypt's views in reply in a 75-minute interview.

Mr Hammarskjöld went to the Egyptian capital with a strong security escort. He was accompanied by Major-General E.L.M. Burns, United Nations troop supervisor, and Mr Henri Vigier, political and legal adviser to the troop supervisory organization.

Later, Mr Hammarskjöld went into a long conference with Dr Mahmoud Fawzy, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, with whom he had lunch.

The Secretary-General has a United Nations aircraft waiting at his disposal for lightning visits to the Arab and Israeli capitals or to other points as he may decide. It was disclosed tonight, "There will be some quick moving about the region," his press secretary, Mr George Ivan Smith, stated.

Diplomatic sources said Mr Hammarskjöld is trying to secure an absolute Arab-Israeli ceasefire, at least for the duration of his present mission, and a reduction of the forces on both sides of the border. —Reuter.

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ANNA MAGNANI

Religious
Order Sues
Film Co.

Rome, Apr. 11. A women's religious order has brought a lawsuit against the Italian film company which stars actress Anna Magnani in the habit of the Franciscans of Mary Missionaries. It was learned here today.

The Order, of which a French Mother Superior, Marie De Eolo, is the head, objected to the picture, because, it was alleged, Miss Magnani wore their habit without the slightest modification.

The Order hopes to persuade the film company to modify Miss Magnani's clothing of its own free will, and that the famous actress, who herself is a devout Catholic, will also bring her influence to bear on the firm.

Anna Magnani, who has won an "Oscar" Prize for her acting, plays a missionary sister in the film. —France-Press.

Trouble In Cafeteria
WHITE
ATTACKS
NEGRO

Houston, Texas, Apr. 11. Attempts by a group of Negroes to enter a White cafeteria after they had been refused service flared into brief violence today when a White man hit a Negro lawyer.

Negro attorney M.W. Plummer was stunned but otherwise unhurt when witnesses said, oilman J. M. Wren hit him. The attack took place just outside the cafeteria entrance.

Witnesses said Plummer was further blown by his arms and retreated. W.D. Derrington, the cafeteria operator, and a bystander grabbed Wren.

Witnesses said Wren was shouting: "The NAACP (National Association for Advancement of Coloured People) is Communist-backed and dominated. . . and you can tell that to Eisenhower in Washington."

REFUSED SERVICE

The cafeteria was in the Harris County (Houston) courthouse. Three Negroes were refused service earlier by Derrington in the face of a Federal Court order throwing the place open to Negro customers.

Plummer arrived at the cafeteria, looked in, and then left, returning a few minutes later with a group of Negroes which included Francis Williams, president of the Houston chapter of the NAACP.

Witnesses said Wren, who was standing at the cafeteria door, attacked the Negro lawyer.

Derrington said he was closing the cafeteria to everybody — Whites and Negroes alike — because he did not want to be held in contempt of court by refusing to serve Plummer. —United Press.

Red Faces In
The
Foreign Office

London, Apr. 11. The political correspondent of the Daily Express writes: "There are red faces in the Foreign Office. All the carefully laid security plans for the Bulgarian and Khrushchev visit have been blown wide open by a most undiplomatic blunder."

For the Foreign Office admits theirs was the blunder.

The exact timing of the lengthy schedule for the Russian visit was to have been kept secret. This was at the insistence of Scotland Yard security men who said 'publication of the precise timetable' would greatly increase their responsibilities.

But now the whole programme, complete with times of arrival and departure at all points, has been published. On Tuesday night the Central Office of Information issued publicly details of the timetable.

It had been intended that only a general programme should have been sent out for publication and that the exact times should not have been published.

But when the timetable was sent to the Central Office of Information, the Foreign Office forgot to include instructions that only a general programme was for publication. —London Express Service.

OFF FOR TESTS

London, Apr. 12. Mr Charles Adams, scientific director for British atomic tests, left London last night for Sydney to take part in British atomic tests off Australia. —France-Press.

Proposal Rejected

Washington, Apr. 11. The Senate today defeated by 59-27 a proposal to set up a special congressional committee to keep watch over the super-secret central intelligence agency. The vote was a victory for President Eisenhower. —Reuter.

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Jordan And Syria
To Co-ordinate
Defence

Amman, April, 11. Jordan and Syria, in a communique issued here tonight, agreed to co-ordinate their defence plans and have their armies co-operate to "repulse any future aggression on the Arab frontiers."

The communique followed three days of talks in Damascus between King Hussein of Jordan and Syrian President Shukri el-Kuwatli.

The joint communique said that Arab states were jointly responsible for the defence of the Arab world against the Israeli "danger."

Both Jordan and Syria based their policy on not joining foreign pacts, the communique added.

Both countries would strengthen their economic co-operation and cultural relations and work towards complete Arab unity. —Reuter.

B & K May Tempt With
Big Trade Offer

Moscow, Apr. 11. A tempting new Soviet offer of trade aimed at British businessmen was forecast by diplomats today as likely highspot of the Bulganin-Khrushchev visit to London.

These diplomats said the Soviet leaders might be expected to make a sensational offer of trade with British firms during their talks with British officials, and in meetings with industrialists, and to give this offer the maximum publicity.

In this way, they would underline the idea that friendship with Russia could be a paying proposition as well as to exert pressure for the lifting of existing restrictions on strategic exports to the Communist bloc.

A surprise offer to place orders with Britain worth £400 million sterling was made by the Russians in 1954 during the visit to Moscow of an unofficial group of British businessmen. Only a small part of this offer was fulfilled, partly because of subsequent Soviet reluctance to conclude contracts and partly because the British government refused permission for the export of some strategic equipment.

Pilotless
Plane Explodes

Adelaide, Apr. 11. An Australian-built pilotless Mark II plane exploded a mile over the Woomera firing range today, during the first public demonstration here of guided missile attack.

Experts will examine the wreckage in an attempt to determine the cause of the explosion. Officials said there was no suggestion of sabotage.

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BONN REFUSES SUPPORT FOR TROOPS IN GERMANY

Bonn, Apr. 11.

The West German Government indicated today that it would remain adamant in its refusal to pay support costs for Allied forces stationed in West Germany after May 5.

A Finance Ministry spokesman said at a Press conference that the West German note delivered to the Allied embassies here last Friday must be regarded as a "conclusive note" ending the stage of the negotiations reached up to date. The continuation of the talks would depend on the Allied reply.

Most of the contents of last week's West German note have now leaked out.

No Obligation

The note was understood to have repeated all the known West German arguments that further payments would "discriminate" against West Germany, that they would impose a heavier defence burden on West Germany than on other NATO countries, and that West Germany was under no legal obligation to pay after May 5.

The note offered three alternative proposals in mitigation of its refusal to contribute to the upkeep of Allied forces:

1. West Germany would buy back surplus supplies and materials bought by the Allies with occupation and support cost funds;

2. She would permit the Western powers the unrestricted use of unexpended occupation and support cost funds said to total about 200 million sterling. (Under existing agreements the Allies must spend all these funds by May 5, 1957);

3. West Germany was ready to buy an unspecified but "vast amount of military equipment from other Western European countries."

Faulty Argument

The Allied negotiators have pointed out to the West Germans that, though there was no legal obligation on West Germany, all NATO partners had undertaken a moral obligation to share the common defence burden fairly.

The argument of "discrimination" was considered faulty on the grounds that no other NATO country had needed such large foreign forces as a protection because of its own weakness.

The Allied negotiators have also been sceptical about the German claim that continued support costs, coupled with heavy defence expenditure, would constitute an intolerable burden.

They considered the German "yardstick" of gross national product per head versus defence expenditure to be inadequate because it failed to take into account other equally important factors by which to gauge the financial and economic capacity of West Germany.

Not Fully Convinced

They were also not fully convinced that West Germany would, in fact, spend relatively more on defence in the next three years than other NATO countries in view of the political uncertainties in the establishment of a fully armed West German force of 500,000 men, —Reuters.

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A-Bombs Will Not End Future War

Canberra, Apr. 11.

BRITAIN'S First Sea Lord, Admiral Earl Mountbatten, warned today that atomic bombs would not end a future war, as after the bombs would come a war at sea.

He said that the present "extraordinary public ignorance and apathy" on the importance of the Navy could lead to a third world war.

The Navy belonged in the line of the fighting forces must once more take its place there, he told the company of HMSA's Harmer, a Naval wireless station near Canberra.

Earl Mountbatten stressed the significance of Russia's Naval buildup since the war. He said that since 1946 Russia had built 20 large cruisers, 115 destroyers and 367 submarines, and today had a bigger fleet than Germany ever had.

Members of all parties in the Australian Parliament, today urged the development of a British naval base at Cockburn Sound, on the West coast of Australia, in the event that bases in Ceylon cease being available to the Commonwealth.

Members of Parliament made the suggestion, in the presence of Earl Mountbatten following the surprising victory won by "neutralist" parties in Ceylon's general elections.

Earl Mountbatten, said he would visit Cockburn Sound next Saturday.

Opposition leader, Dr Herbert Morrison, urged the Australian Government to endeavour to maintain good relations with the new Ceylonese Government, —France-Press.

'FRUIT SALAD' AGAIN IN GERMANY

Bonn, Apr. 11.

The West German Cabinet today approved a bill to permit the wearing of old German orders and decorations shorn of Nazi symbols.

A Government spokesman who announced the decision refused to give any details until President Theodor Heuss has approved the bill. It will then be presented to Parliament.

Many ex-soldiers have long pressed for the right to wear their iron crosses and other decorations, which were forbidden by the Allies after World War II.

It has been generally expected that the Government would meet their wish, but would demand that no specifically Nazi party decorations should be re-adopted and that other decorations, such as the Iron Cross, should be worn without the swastika which Hitler attached to it, —China Mail Special.

POP

WHY CAN'T I HAVE A FRIEND TO THE DIMMER THE COLONEL?

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HE'S NOT SUPERSTITIOUS

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CHERRY HEERING

Hammarskjold In England



United Nations Secretary-General Mr Dag Hammarskjold (left) walks from the plane on his arrival at London Airport with British Foreign Secretary Mr Selwyn Lloyd, who met him. Mr Hammarskjold was on his way to the Middle East to try and reduce tension between the Arab countries and Israel.—Reutersphoto.

Press Outnumber Wedding Guests

Monaco, Apr. 11.

One thousand reporters and cameramen from more than 30 nations are in Monaco tonight for the most written-about marriage since the wedding of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

They outnumber the invited guests by two to one—and all of them want to be on hand tomorrow to see the arrival of actress Grace Kelly, who next week becomes the bride of Prince Rainier, and Princess of this tiny Mediterranean state.

The luxury liner Constitution, bringing Miss Kelly from the United States, is expected to drop anchor off Monaco's rugged "blue coast" at about 10 a.m.

The 32-year-old Prince will sail out for his reunion with his bride-to-be and bring her ashore in his 320-ton yacht Deo Juvante.

Hundreds of private vessels, ranging from launches to tiny speedboats, packed to the brim, will race out in the wake of the Prince's yacht in the hope of getting a grandstand view of the meeting.

Apart from Miss Kelly's family, other members of the 70-member wedding party will go ashore by tender.

Monaco's 160-man police force has asked the French authorities to send reinforcements to cope with the crowds of Monegasques who will surge down to the gaily beflagged harbour to welcome the couple.

The Royal yacht will sail into harbour to the shrill of welcoming sirens from fling-decked pleasure craft—with the great mass of Monegasque rock rising up from the azure sea like a tiered wedding cake.

The Prince and Miss Kelly will drive along the steep winding road which leads up the rock to the pink and grey stone palace, half a mile away. The Prince has moved to his villa Iles, over the border in France, and has put the palace at the disposal of Grace and her parents until the religious wedding, one week tomorrow. The civil ceremony is on April 18.

The 85-year-old "ex-King of Albania," Otto J., has sent Prince Rainier of Monaco a telegram, requesting an invitation to Rainier's forthcoming wedding. The former "Sovereign" of Albania, who ruled for five

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CLARIDGES PREPARES FOR B & K

London, Apr. 11. Claridges Hotel, favoured London shopping-place of European Royalty, tonight prepared for Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Khrushchev, who move into the £200 sterling week Royal suite next Wednesday.

During their 10-day visit to Britain the Soviet leaders and their retinue of 44 will occupy the entire first floor of the renowned hotel of kings.

In Claridges vast kitchen two Russian chefs will supervise all the Soviet leaders' meals, which will be taken to their suite by waitresses brought from Moscow.

While the Russian leaders are here their hand-picked bodyguards will patrol the brown-carpeted corridors of the first floor, plain clothes Scotland Yard men will be stationed throughout the hotel and will mingle with the guests, China Mail Special.

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UNITED GERMANY FIRST

Bonn, Apr. 11. Dr Heinrich von Brentano, the West German Foreign Minister, said here today West Germany would welcome a disarmament agreement between the big powers, but it could not agree to it if it were based on the continued division of Germany.

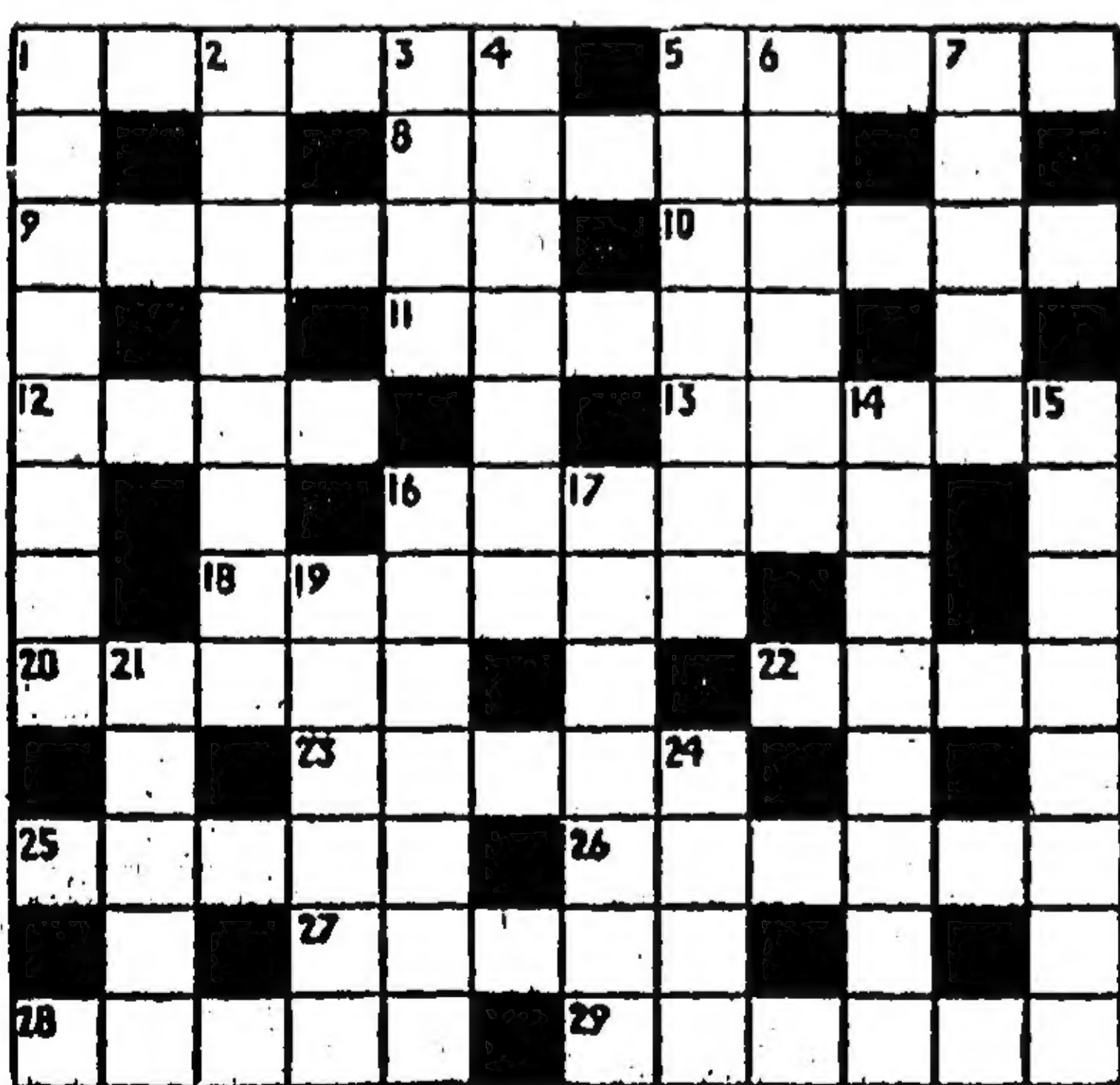
Dr von Brentano was reporting to the Christian Democratic Parliamentary party on his talks with Dr Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, in Ascona, Switzerland, earlier this week.

He said if a practicable disarmament plan is accepted by the four big powers, the German people would be the first to welcome it. He said "disarmament fits into my concepts much better than rearmament."

COULD NOT ACREE
But, he stated, West Germany could not agree to any disarmament agreement on the basis of the status quo of a divided Germany, not even a temporary division.

He said the West German Government still insisted that German reunification should have preference in a solution of international problems over the problems of European security. — Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Loco hole (6).
 2. Code (5).
 3. Military rank (5).
 4. Weakness (6).
 5. Nudge (5).
 6. Feature (5).
 7. Trick (4).
 8. Proposal of health (6).
 9. Hadn't (6).
 10. Proof-corrector (6).
 11. Certain years (6).
 12. Wan (4).
 13. Bony part (5).
 14. Pigment (5).
 15. Sunburnt (5).
 16. Semi darkness (5).
 17. Stupor (5).
 18. Doll down (6).
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 7. Paces (5).
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 9. Bull fighter (8).
 10. Rogues (7).
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 13. Happening (5).
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Encore, 5. Armed, 8. Ills, 9. Edible, 11. Cures, 12. Clover, 14. Grin, 16. Bales, 18. Green, 19. Rely, 20. Repeat, 24. Adieu, 25. Arrow, 26. Dais, 27. Eagle, 28. Rusted. Down: 1. Ever, 3. Chic, 4. Rile, 6. Elevator, 7. Aerobics, 9. Merry, 7. Dismal, 10. Blare, 12. Airtide, 14. Ceiling, 15. Intrude, 17. Altar, 19. Repair, 21. Erase, 22. Test, 23. Staid.

REDS WILL EXPLOIT NASSER'S FANCIFUL DREAM

New York, Apr. 11.

General Sir John Bagot Glubb, ousted last month as commander of Jordan's famed Arab Legion, called his abrupt dismissal from the Arab Legion "only one sign of the dangerous realignment of power going on in that part of the world," in an article in this week's issue of Life magazine.

The net result of these shifts, he said, could be Communist dominance in the oil-rich region. Sir John, who spent 30 years leading British troops, saw the major problem of the Middle East as lying in the "intense hatred of the West engendered by the Palestine conflict."

Double Productivity

He said the "intransigence" of Arab leaders was the main barrier to the handling of the problem posed by the million Palestine Arab refugees. He felt it was virtually impossible to expect resettlement of the refugees in other Arab countries and that the only practicable solution was through the development of Jordan itself, where the refugees currently represented one-third of the country's population.

Sir John said that "an artificial and false figure of the first rank" should be sent to Jordan, given adequate funds, wide liberty of action and full support, and instructed to double the productivity in five years.

He condemned past efforts by the United States, pointing to the Christian Democratic Parliamentary party on his talks with Dr Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, in Ascona, Switzerland, earlier this week.

He said if a practicable disarmament plan is accepted by the four big powers, the German people would be the first to welcome it. He said "disarmament fits into my concepts much better than rearmament."

Doubtful

Sir John said that the Western Powers were today faced with an alliance in the Middle East of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Russians. He accused the present government of Egypt of aspiring to create an Arab empire, with Egypt as its head. He called it "doubtful" that they would succeed in their bid, but said that the Soviet Union would do its utmost to exploit Egypt's "fanciful dream."

Saudi Arabia was allied with Egypt against Iraq and Jordan, he said.

Sir John Glubb said, merely as a continuation of the family feud which 30 years ago saw Ibn Saud seize the Arab holy cities of Mecca and Medina.

The Saudis remain the inveterate enemies of the Hashemites, now rulers of Jordan and Iraq.

The Russians were hoping to overthrow the Hashemite governments of Iraq and Jordan because Iraq was the founder of the Baghdad Pact and Jordan had been until recently the most pro-Western of the Arab states.

U.S. Blamed

Sir John called the Egyptian-Saudi Arabian-Russian alliance an "incongruous" one, with each member out for himself, and said the only sure winners were the Communists, who already were reaping huge benefits under the alliance.

Sir John alleged that Saudi Arabia, backed by the United States, was currently doing its utmost to overthrow the British-backed kings of Jordan and Iraq.

He said the large sums of money Saudi Arabia spent in Jordan to raise internal disorders "could well result in King Hussein's being succeeded by a Communist or near-Communist regime."

"Four years ago there were no Communists in Jordan," he said. "Today they are one of the most powerful factors in its political life, although the party is still banned."

Many Converts

"They have made great numbers of converts among school masters, who openly incite Communism in their pupils. The riots of December, 1955, and January 1956 were started by Communist students and school children, in some cases led by their teachers."

Communist subversion in the Middle East, Sir John said, was directed principally by the Soviet Embassy in Lebanon, Syria and Egypt. The Soviet Embassy in Israel also helped to feed propaganda to the Arab world.

He said that ten years ago the Soviet Union was regarded with horror in the devoutly Moslem Arab countries, but that today the Soviets were "in the centre of the state" and had succeeded in capturing Arab nationalism.

No Adequate Reply

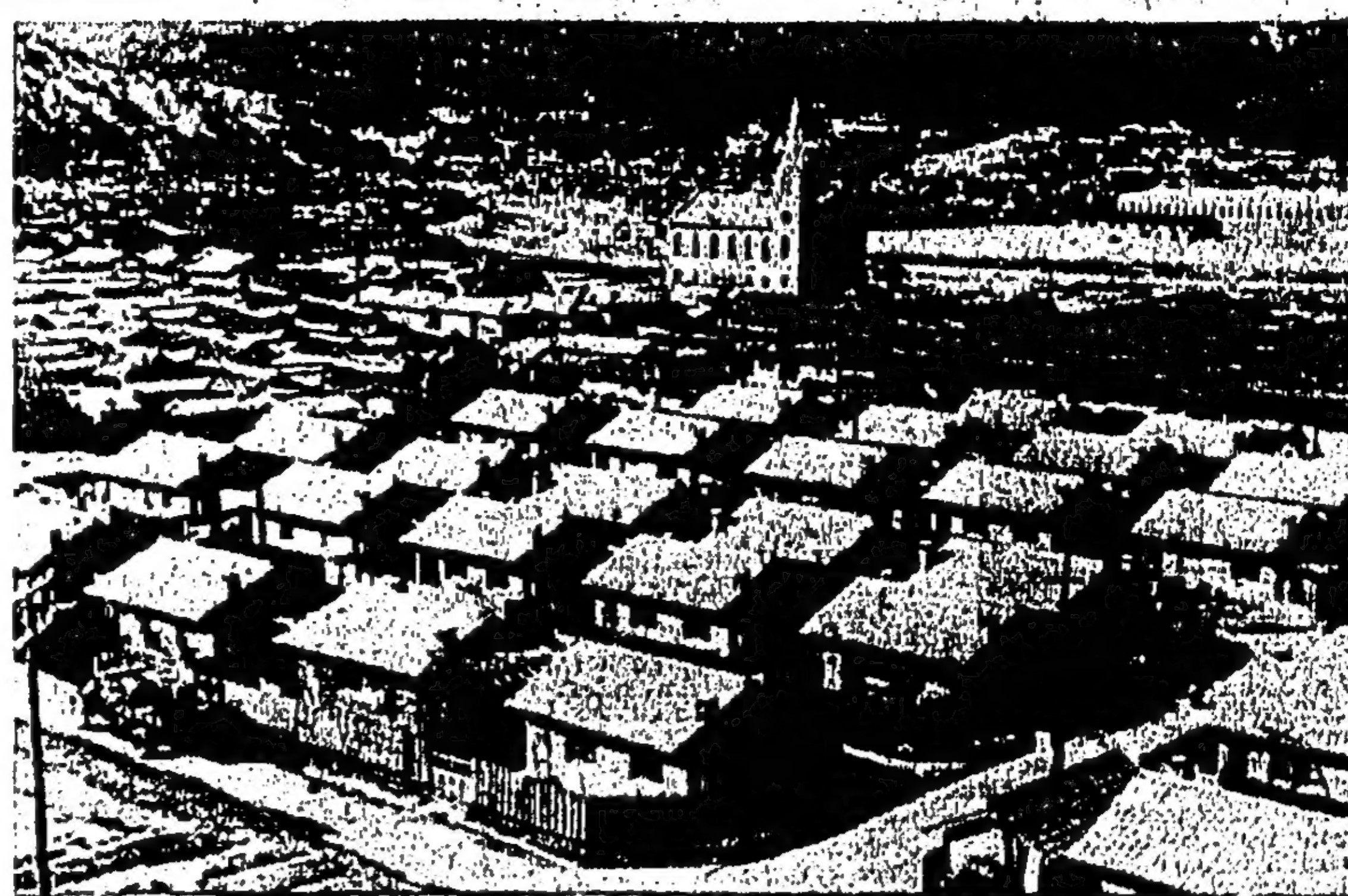
He alleged that Soviet representatives currently were doing everything possible to increase unrest in the Middle East by secret intrigue, the sale of arms, diplomacy and particularly by propaganda. "It is desperately necessary for the United States and Britain to realise that they are being hustled out of the Middle East by this warfare of words to which they make no adequate reply," Sir John said. — China Mail Special.

French Planes Strafe Rebels

Constantine, Apr. 11. French Air Force planes today machine-gunned a heavy concentration of rebels at Beni-el-Oued, some nine miles from Collo on the coast.

The rebels were spotted while the planes were on a reconnaissance flight over the area, in which heavy fighting took place recently following the landing of a marine commando at Collo.

The result of the action was not known here at a late hour tonight. In other engagements in various parts of Algeria during the past 24 hours, a total of 13 rebels were killed and a number taken prisoner. — France-Press.



Western-style roofs of new houses contrast with the Oriental architecture of typical homes in the South Korean capital. The new houses—shown in foreground—are among 4,200 finished or under construction with aid from the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency. Despite the new building, Korea still faces a serious housing shortage. Estimation is that 1,000,000 homes are needed to replace those destroyed during the Korean War and to house refugees from Communist-dominated North Korea.—Express Photo.

TRUMAN LASHES OUT

EISENHOWER ACCUSED OF 'POLITICAL BETRAYAL'

Des Moines, Apr. 11.

Former President Truman lashed President Eisenhower tonight as a "do nothing" president who had committed "political betrayal" and "deceived" the farmers.

Ba Cut Believed About To Surrender

Saigon, Apr. 11.

REBEL General Ba Cut—the last big holdout against US-backed Premier Ngo Dinh Diem—was on the point of surrendering, authorised sources said today.

Defence Ministry sources said Ba Cut already has opened negotiations and, to prove his good faith, is purging Communists from his 3,000 to 4,000-man guerrilla army.

Ba Cut, one of the chiefs of the Hoa Hao sect, fought the Communists during the Indo-China war but turned against Premier Diem for declining to confer with the Reds on holding elections to unite the divided country.

Ba Cut took to the warpath and started letting his hair grow, swearing he would never cut it until all Vietnam was reunified.

Last autumn, Ba Cut, falling back on the swamp plain of rushes west of Saigon, started co-operating with Communist guerrillas in the region. Last month, Diem dispatched national army troops to force a decision.

Ba Cut has been so hard-pressed since that he has been unable to pay his troops. He even sent his pretty wife to France to try to drum up funds from anti-Diem circles there. She failed.

Leading the negotiations for the Government is Nguyen Ngoc Tho, Ambassador to Japan, who two months ago negotiated the surrender of another Hoa Hao General, Tran Van Soat.—United Press.

AIRLINK RESUMED

Rangoon, Apr. 11.

The Burma-China airlink, broken off in 1949, when the Communists took over in China, began functioning again today when the first Chinese civil aviation plane left Kunming for Rangoon.

The Burmese Ambassador to Peking, U Hia Moung, was one of the passengers aboard the plane, which was given a ceremonial send-off by Mr Ying Chao, Governor of Yunnan.

An agreement to reopen land and air routes between the two countries was reached late last year in Rangoon, after talks between Burmese Premier U Nu and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai.—France-Press.

Amazing Record

But in the past three years, the former President added, Mr Eisenhower has personally been doing all he could to keep Congress from raising the support prices farmers get.

"This is one of the most amazing records of political betrayal I have ever seen in all my years of public life," he added.

Mr Truman said in a speech at the Iowa Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner that "he (the President) deserves to be rejected by the people just as the 80th Congress was, because he is a do-nothing president just as that 80th Congress was a do-nothing Congress."

Made A Mockery

Turning to problems of world peace and foreign policy, he said they "overshadow all our other problems here at home." He said that in these fields "the Eisenhower administration has made the worst mistakes."

The former President added: "They (the Administration) have made a mockery of bipartisanship in foreign policy. They have put politics first and the national interest second. The result has been to dismay our friends, comfort our enemies, weaken the position of the free world and drive other nations closer to the Communist bloc."

"In the face of the growing military strength of the Communist nations, the Eisenhower Administration has actually been cutting down on the size of our armed forces."

"In the face of the growing economic strength of the Communist nations, the Eisenhower administration tells us that Soviet policies have failed."

Sorry Record

"They have been withholding the truth from the American people because they fear the political consequences if the truth were known. But the truth is that they have drifted into a situation where the danger of Communist domination of the free world is greater than ever before."

"This is a sorry record and a frightening one. This is the reason we must elect a Democratic President who can rally the free peoples of the world once again to work together to improve their economic conditions, to maintain their independence and to establish a peace based on freedom and justice." —United Press.

She's Typical Australian



Blonde, attractive, 18-year-old, Carolyn Frances Cleary arrived in London last week from Sydney. The trip is part of the prize she won, organised by "Woman's Day" for being a typical Australian girl. She along with some other 19 girls from all parts of the world will be present at the wedding of Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier. — Central Press Photo.

General Strike In Spanish City

Madrid, Apr. 11.

The Spanish press and radio maintained a strict blackout on news of the general strike which broke out in Pamplona today.

In Madrid however a large part of the population had obtained details of the strike through word-of-mouth reports.

Meanwhile, rumours circulated here said a renewal of student demonstrations, coupled with a nationwide general strike were scheduled to break out between April 12 and 18.

According to the rumours, troops to this effect have been distributed throughout Spain.

First Since 1953

The Pamplona strike is the first strike which has occurred in Spain since December, 1953, when 2,000 Bilbao shipyard workers struck for nine days for wage increases.

Strikes are considered illegal in Spain and several workers were sentenced to prison terms in 1951 for having agitated in favour of strikes which broke out in the Spanish Basque country. —France-Press.

The reports said the strike had brought the city to a standstill. Streets still open this morning, shut in the afternoon, and theatres and cinemas remained closed.

Workers in several factories and mines of Bilbao, Sestao and Baracaldo (Viscaya Province) and Elbar (arms factories) at Ondarribia and Tolosa (Guluzcoa Province) today downed tools as soon as they heard the news of the Pamplona strike.

No Incidents

So far, no incidents have been reported from the strike centres. It was learned from workers' circles in Pamplona that the strike was not for an increase in salaries, but aimed at forcing the state to take steps to prevent a rise in living costs.

Stalin's Deflation May Backfire Against Chin Peng

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 11.

Psychological warfare experts here are using Moscow's condemnation of Stalin to break the Malayan Communist terrorists' faith in their leader, Chin Peng.

In the past few days, thousands of leaflets reporting on Nikita Khrushchev's denunciation of the late Russian dictator were dropped into the Malayan jungle.

The leaflets say that Stalin has been condemned for his "out of personality" and "idiot" "Chin Peng is also guilty of individual leadership. What say do you have in party affairs and decisions?"

More Letters

Meanwhile, two more letters have been received here, purportedly from the Malayan Communist Party headquarters. One of them was stencilled and written in Chinese, presumably asking for another meeting between Chin Peng and the Chief Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, who had rejected similar peace feelers made less than a fortnight ago.

Tengku Rahman, early in February on his return from London, had broadcast over Radio Malaya a demand to Chin Peng to lay down his arms, as well as those of his men, as pledged by the Communist delegation at the Baling peace talks last December.

Through his aide, Chen Tian, the Malayan Communist leader pledged to lay down their arms as soon as the Tengku obtained control of internal security from the British Government.

In London last December the British Government acquiesced in Tengku Rahman's request for control of internal security and he is now Defence Minister and chairman of the Emergency Operations Council which is conducting the guerrilla war against the Communist terrorists.

Remained Silent

Chin Peng has remained silent in his jungle headquarters and the consensus among experts is that he will not surrender.

Chin Peng had told Tengku Abdul Rahman at the Baling peace meeting that he and his men would fight to the last man rather than surrender.—United Press.

Nepalese Coronation In May

Kathmandu, Apr. 11.

King Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah, 36, who took over the rule of this Himalayan kingdom in March, 1955, following the death of his father, King Tribhuvana Bir Bikram, will formally ascend the throne on May 2, it was announced today.

Solemnity will be allied to austerity in the 80-minute coronation ceremony planned in the ancestral palace of Hanuman Dhoka, because the young king has instructed palace dignitaries to keep expenditures low.

However, to the chanting of hymns by royal priests, the king of the only Hindu kingdom in the world will sit successively in several thrones of gold and silver while he is anointed with waters from the seven seas and the sacred rivers.

The floor of the coronation hall will be spread with the skins of lions, tigers and lesser animals.

Following the ceremony, the king will mount an elephant to lead a procession including army detachments through the capital city while planes shower flowers from above. Six days of festivities will follow. — United Press.

RAMADAN OPENS TO GUNFIRE

Cairo, Apr. 11.

The minarets of Cairo were brilliantly lit tonight and artillery thundered out a peaceful salute to mark the beginning of Ramadan, the ninth month in the Mohammedan calendar.

From dawn to dusk now until May 10, devout Moslems will observe a rigid fast.

Public offices will only open for five hours each morning.

The armed forces will observe the fast too, except those in the most advanced sectors.

But civil defence exercises will take place tonight as planned in towns along the Suez Canal zone.

Cairo had two such exercises earlier today before Ramadan began. — France-Press.

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MELBOURNE TALKS OF BEER AND SKITTLES

I AM not in the habit of making a flying round trip of 1,100 miles for lunch, but Melbourne—and the Melbourne Herald—called and I went.

My hosts, the men who run the Herald, were not at all surprised. Australians use airplanes as other people use buses.

This is the most air-minded country in the world, not excluding the United States, and its safety record is remarkable.

The climate and the terrain—few mountains—make it ideal for flying, and the scattered population over a vast area make flying a necessity.

The British Viscount is a tremendous success and has shown and waved the flag more vigorously for Britain than anything or anyone else.

Next to me in the plane on the way to Melbourne was a 20-year-old Englishman. He told me: "I came here when I was 15 and I'm staying for life. I'm a law student and Australia has done everything for me."

Intense rivals

"I'm visiting my girl in Melbourne and the fare for the 550-mile trip is nine guineas. Can you imagine any student paying that sort of money and flying like this to see his girl friend in England? This is the country."

Melbourne and Sydney are intense rivals and the two cities are running neck-and-neck for the honour of being Australia's No. 1 town. I rate the contest so far as a draw.

Sydney is more spectacular and has some gaudy night life; but Melbourne has more dignity and perhaps authority and no night life at all.

FOLLOWING THE FLAG

with

DON IDDON'S Diary



People here are still busily discussing the decision to close the bars at six in the evening even when the Olympic Games are held in November.

It's simple

THE pubs and bars open at 10 a.m. and close promptly at 6 p.m. Why? My guide from the Herald, war correspondent Oscar White, told me:

"It's quite simple. It's the will of the women. The women want their men home for dinner and they want them home as sober as possible. They might be a little tight by six, but if the pubs remained open until ten they might be completely plastered."

I said: "It doesn't say much for self-discipline and it seems to me a little uncivilized and harsh."

White reminded me of the "dry" States in the United States and Canada and said England's licensing laws were hardly ideal.

Big issue

ANYWAY, Melbourne, said, is a lovely, and very beautiful, with its sweeping boulevards and avenues, its not Las Vegas and it is not Honolulu and never will be.

What has all this to do with following the flag? A little, because more reasonable licensing laws would enable the Australians to drink more Scotch whisky. They are now the second biggest beer drinkers in the world—the Danes are first—but I haven't seen a drunken man or woman since I came here, whereas every day I see drunks in New York.

Licensing laws have been and are a very big issue. For weeks there were huge advertisements: "Australia's national Capital Canberra has endorsed and introduced ten o'clock closing. For many years Melbourne was the Capital city of Australia in name as well as in fact. Even though the national Capital has now been transferred to Canberra, Melbourne has still retained its position as the leading city of the Commonwealth except in regard to its archaic drinking laws. You will have your opportunity to bring Melbourne into line with the national Capital by bringing civilized drinking to the whole community of Victoria."

Women won

So a referendum was held, the people had their opportunity, and they voted for six p.m. closing, not ten.

The women won and the men go home early not staggered. So it is to be games but no fun at the Olympics in Melbourne. I drove to Olympic Village and was impressed. There has been criticism of the decision to house the athletes in a village of their own, but where else could Melbourne put them? There is an hotel shortage and a housing shortage in all cities and towns here and I think Melbourne is doing a herculean job.

If the Russians don't like it they can stay away. Three delegates from Russia are here just now and, although they are not saying so, I bet they are Melbourne about ten times as luxurious and opulent as Moscow.

This is a rich and handsome city, manicured and groomed, and green with parks.

have to report that it makes our own Manchester and Birmingham look grim.

This should be an ideal site for the Olympics, and the Australians are spending huge amounts of money and energy on the job. The building programme alone is costing over £2,500,000, and Olympic Village is costing £2,000,000.

I have not written much about politics in this diary because Melbourne is talking more about beer and skittles than about politics. However, at least six people have tipped me off that Prime Minister Menzies is planning to retire to England, become a peer; that he is going to be appointed Australian High Commissioner, that he is intending to become Australia's Chief Justice.

The tipsters seem to be wrong, because Menzies, who is rather brusque to the press, says: "I treat it as an insult that I should be asked such questions. I shall be certifiable when I allow a few newspaper reporters to decide my future for me. It's the silly season, of course. Yes, I shall be resigning some day."

It's apparently the arrogant season also. You would not get a President of the United States or a British Prime Minister talking to the press like that.

Menzies is brilliant, distinguished and impressive, but

inclined to talk down to people. Perhaps the public outcry against his anti-inflation measures has made him testy.

Dr. Evatt, Leader of the Federal Opposition, manages to keep in the news, and I have been told variously that he is one of the greatest Australian politicians ever, a rabble-rouser, an inspired patriot, and a dangerous radical. You take your choice.

Some of the politicians are saying that Britain is letting down Australia and breaking a gentlemen's agreement by spending more than she should of Commonwealth dollars and gold reserves. The charge is that we are throwing Commonwealth dollars around on Canadian whisky and nylon and treating Australia like a colony.

Grave charge

THE charge is grave and should be answered. It is vitally important that Britain realise that Australia has grown up and is of immense stature. Australia is no longer a child and dependent. The only negotiation between the two countries must be as equals—otherwise there will be trouble. I hope this disagreement is only a teapet tempest. The reservoir of affection and respect of Australia for Britain is fathoms deep. We must keep it that way.

I'm picking Princess Kelly's successor WHO WILL BE THE FIRST LADY OF HOLLYWOOD?

By RALPH COOPER

SO the reigning queen of Hollywood has departed. Grace Kelly has said farewell to the studios and nobody knows when, if ever, she will come back.

Most people think never. Unless she is as good a prince-persuader as she is an actress.

Who takes over? I nominate two candidates for the vacant post of First Lady of Hollywood—Deborah Kerr and Jennifer Jones. A couple of years ago I would not have given them a second thought, nor would anyone else.

"Oh, that nice Miss Kerr. She's that sweet British girl, isn't she? Married. Children. Yes. Nice girl. That was Hollywood's reaction to Deborah. Or 'Sweet actress. Needs warming-up. Lacks sex.' Jennifer Jones didn't fare much better at that time. 'Jennifer? Mother type. She used to have a certain something—but I don't know where it is now. She's a sort of middle-aged type.'"

TO be so slickly categorised is the kiss of death in Hollywood, where youth, sex, glamour and talent are the coin of the realm.

Yet today these two are the most sought after actresses in the place. They have acquired a certain redemptiveness or glamour, call it what you will, that has sent their careers zooming.

"Indiscretions of an American Wife," the film she made in Rome, helped to type Jennifer. Her chance to change came with "Love Is A Many Splendored Thing," a tragic love story set in Hongkong, in which she played a Eurasian doctor, hopelessly in love with war correspondent William Holden.

"There isn't enough love stories on the screen," Jennifer told my Hollywood colleague, Michael Ruddy, during a break on the set of her latest picture. "So many pictures today depict the sordid and the harsh side of life, or show violence and brutality. Where are the great love stories?"

Michael Ruddy couldn't tell her—and nor can I. But she has found one now. In a few weeks she will be at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's Elstree studios making "The Barretts of Wimpole Street." An old one, it is true, but one of the greatest love stories.

THE REBEL

DEBORAH, of course, deserves to go down in film history as "the first rebel of Hollywood," because she was the first of the big stars to get tired of sitting around and taking the parts the studio "dished out."

The job about Deborah needing "warming-up" and "lacking sex" was made by an expert in the studio casting department while she was making a historical piece called "Young Zerkow." Mr. Stewart, casting director in the leading roles.

"I realised that this was the end," Deborah told me when we last met. "I suddenly realised that I would go on playing dreary, demure females of

quality for ever—unless I rebelled.

"The trouble is, I'm not the pushing type. I do so admire people who decide what they want and then go ahead and work like the devil for it—but I can't do it. When something is right, I know it. I feel it. Like 'From Here to Eternity'."

TOUGH ROLE

ONE will be the highly controversial "Tea and Sympathy," in which Deborah took Broadway by storm, and which she will make this summer.

She has just finished "The King and I," and waiting to be shown is another tough role, reminiscent of the very sexy wife in "From Here to Eternity." This film is "The Proud and Profane," a US Marine story she made with William Holden.

"I didn't realise where, my gentility and British accent would lead me," said Deborah. "Demure parts? Heaven, I've had them. But I was never demure at home."

She thought a bit. "I suppose you could say that life is made up of being in the right place at the right time. I was in the wrong place at the right time of the red-haired, porcelain-skinned heroine."

"A lot of people have told me, 'Why didn't you strike out before? Look at the time you've wasted.'"

"But I don't agree. I think you gain from everything you do well. You get understanding and confidence."

SPORT in the U.S. is taking a battering. "Fixes," gambling scandals, and court cases are bringing it into disrepute.

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Cummings

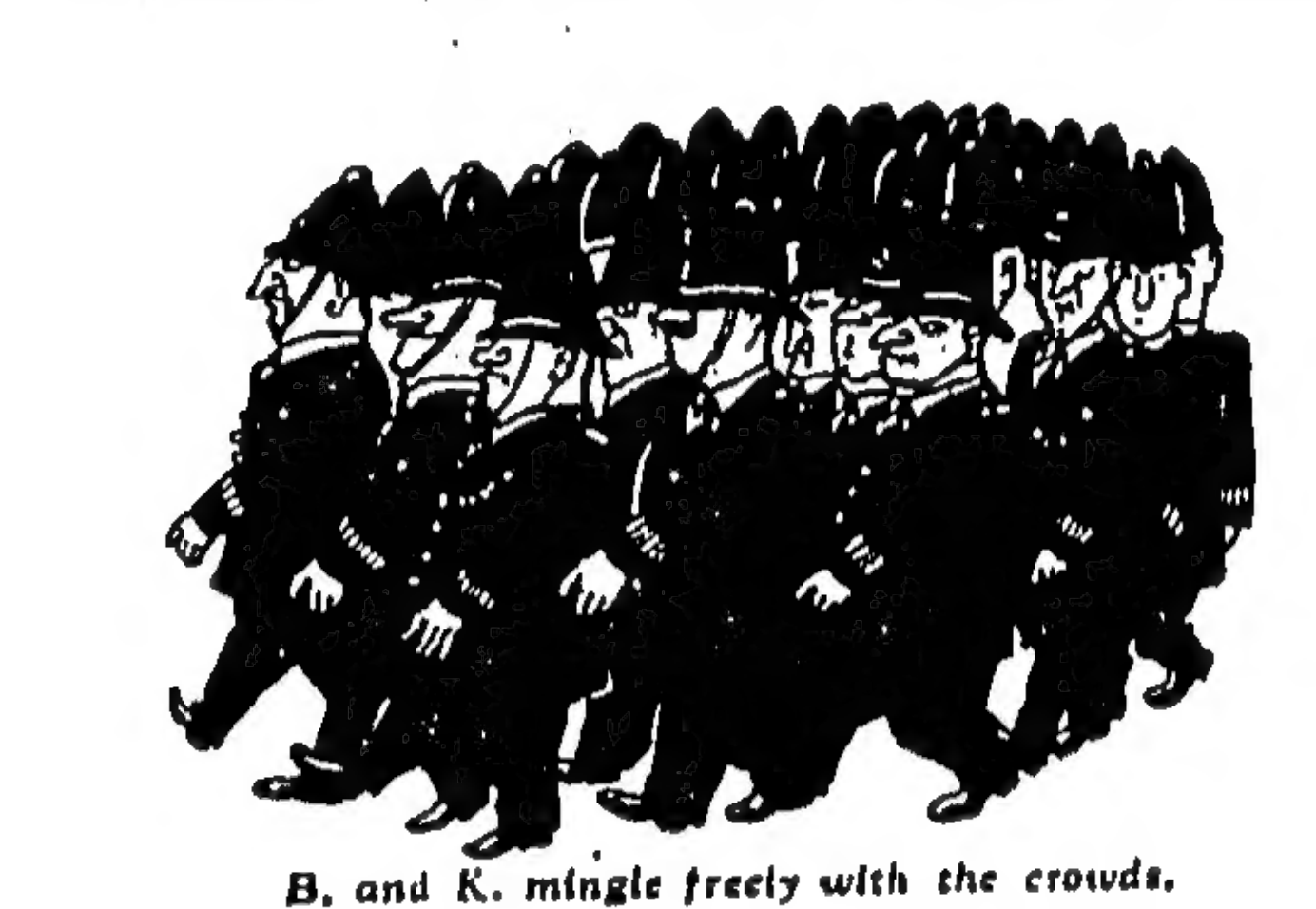
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YOU'RE REBORN (98 PERCENT) YEARLY

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Washington MAN is 98 percent "born again" every year. That much of the basic material of his body is replaced with new material each 12 months.

This is one of the most astonishing revelations made by the use of radioactive isotopes—peaceful products of atomic energy—in physiological investigations, says Dr Paul C. Aebersold, Director of the Isotopes Division of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, in a report to the Smithsonian Institution.

"Medical men," Dr Aebersold says, "used to think of the human body as an engine that takes in food, air and water mainly as fuel to keep running on. Only a small part of these materials was thought to go for replacement of engine wear."

"Investigations with radioisotopes have now demonstrated that the body, instead, is much more like a very fluid military regiment which must retain its size, form and composition even though the individuals in it are continually changing—joining up, being transferred from post to post, promoted or demoted, acting as reserves, and finally departing after varying lengths of service."

Rapid Turnover

"Tracer studies, in which radioisotopes are introduced into the human body and their movements followed with radiation detection instruments, show that the atomic turnover in our bodies is quite rapid and quite complete. In a week or two half the sodium atoms will be replaced by other sodium atoms. The same is similar for hydrogen and phosphorus. Even half of the carbon atoms will be replaced in a month or two."

"And so the story goes for nearly all the elements. In a year approximately 98 percent of the atoms in us now will be replaced by other atoms that we take in our air, food and drink."

"Our body processes are continually breaking down and building up organic molecules. The breaking-down process releases the energy which is necessary for proper functioning of our bodies. A fine balance is maintained between the degradation to obtain energy and the synthesis to make new organic molecules."

Of the more than 1,000 nuclear species, or isotopes, that have been identified to date, Dr Aebersold says, over 750 are radioactive and 100 of these now are manufactured routinely at the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's Oak Ridge, Tennessee, laboratory.

Sensitivity

Some of the remarkable results obtained in biological laboratories all over the world, he points out, are due to the extreme sensitivity of the radioisotope tracer technique. It is possible to detect the presence of certain atoms with methods which have hundreds of millions of times the sensitivity of other physical and chemical techniques.

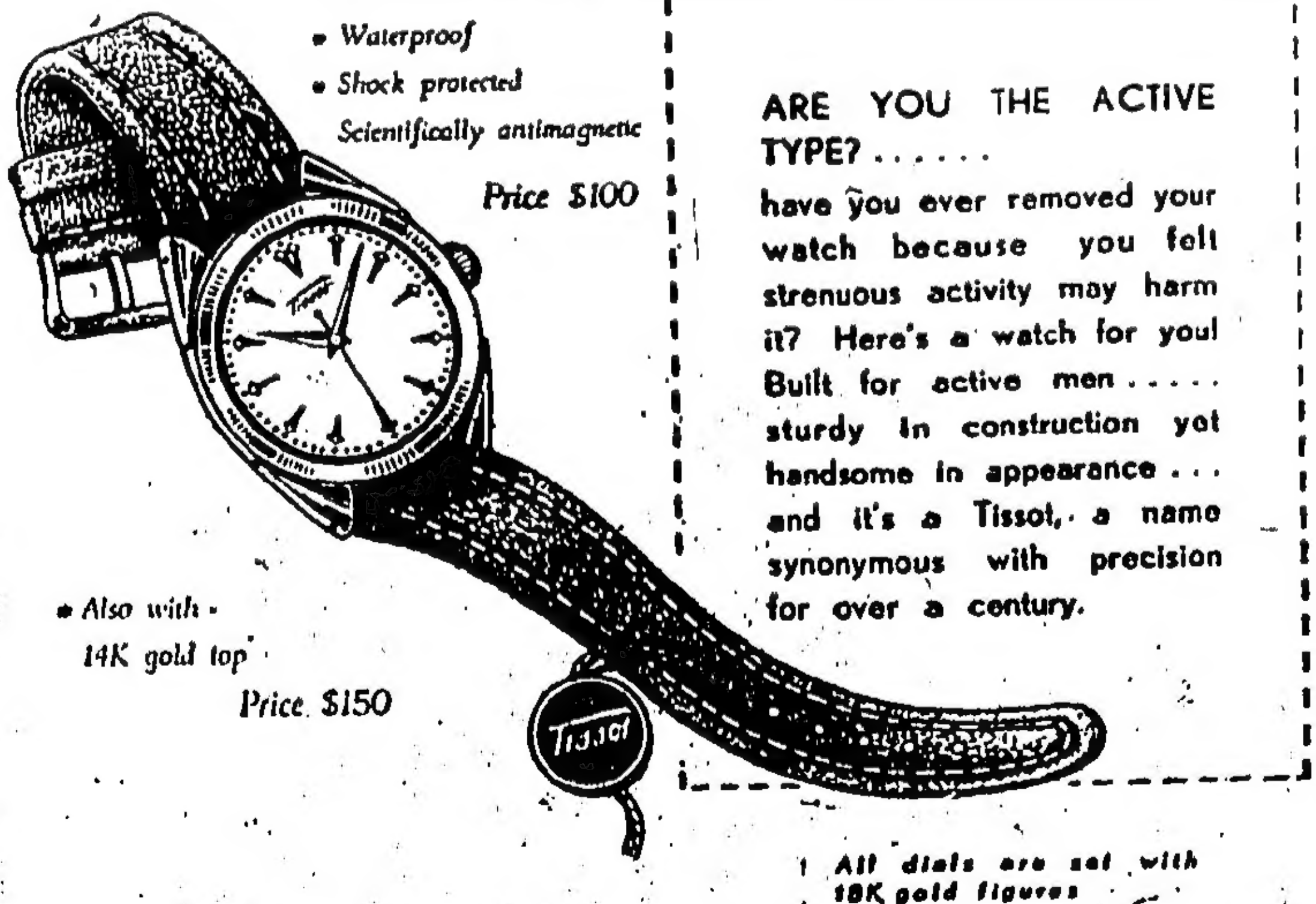
"It is not difficult to detect radioisotopes," he says, "that have been diluted as much as 10,000 million times, while dilutions of 1,000,000,000 are obtainable. This means that it would be possible to detect one ounce (28.3 grams) of radioactive sugar thoroughly mixed in 100 million tons of ordinary sugar."

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ROOSEVELT FIELD, where A. Charles Lindbergh took off for his first-ever solo Transatlantic flight, is to be the site of a shopping centre.

NICK MONTOIS, only criminal ever to be included twice in the F.B.I.'s list of the "ten most-wanted," was caught in a motel at Memphis, Tennessee.

He was armed with a sub-machine gun, a rifle, a sawed-off shotgun, five pistols, and a fountain-pen gun—all loaded.

LATEST craze among teenagers: tattooed fingers.

ROCK-AND-ROLL music is in trouble again. Mr. A. Carter, secretary of the anti-Negro White Citizens Council, North Alabama, Group, says the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People has "infiltrated Southern schools with rock and roll."

He added that records by Negro performers should be "purged."

WILLIAM BRITTEN, aged 28, could not wait while details of a pay rise for New York teachers were being discussed. He gave up teaching to become a circus clown—because he needed the money.

CURRENT popular medical phrase is "penicillin doctor"—one who pumps patients with penicillin no matter what the illness.

"MAMA" Gabor says that all three of her glamorous daughters—Zsa Zsa, Magda, and Eva—will marry again within three weeks. The scoreboard will then read: Zsa Zsa, four husbands, Magda and Eva, three each.

Ruth Roman won a divorce from Mortimer Hall, Los Angeles radio station owner, on grounds of mental cruelty. "He told me I was stupid," she said.

ARMY 7, CLUB 0

MIDDLETON'S FIVE GOALS ALONE SAVED THIS GAME FROM UTTER BOREDOM

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Five goals by Middleton, the soldiers' centre-forward, highlighted as dull and uninteresting a game as will ever masquerade under the title of First Division soccer.

For a time during the opening stages the Blue and Whites made a fair challenge to the much changed Army side, but as goals started to come they went to pieces and towards the end goalkeeper Jones alone was offering any reasonable resistance. His efforts, and careful finishing by the soldiers' forwards, prevented the scoresheet from reaching double figures.

Club had a heap of pre-match worries and their patchwork line-up was really no match for the Army side from which Chatterworth, Hogan, McInnes, Robson, Chatterton and Dow were all missing.

Prior to the start of the game both teams and officials observed a minute silence as a mark of respect to "Pip" Pickering, the popular Club player, who had just suffered a family bereavement.

Early play was promising enough but after only a couple of minutes Middleton slipped through the home defence to beat Jones with a ground shot which the goalkeeper seemed to misjudge.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 11th Race Meeting 1955-56 to be held on Saturday 28th April and Saturday 5th May, 1956, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 17th April, 1956.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

TENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 14th April, 1956

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)
THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 10 RACES.
The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.
The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

THE 1955 SETS OF MEMBERS' BADGES AND LADIES BROOCHES ARE VALID UNTIL THE END OF THE CURRENT RACING SEASON.

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Refunds will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each payable at the Gate. Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.
MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, Chater Road, and 5, D'Almeida Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 13th April will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets. The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 28th April 1956, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Nominate YOUR

Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

WALES 1, IRELAND 1

Wales And Ireland Share Honours In International Soccer

Cardiff, Apr. 11.

After leading 1-0 and then missing a penalty, Wales were held to a 1-1 draw by Ireland in their international football match at Ninian Park here tonight.

Wales, who have never beaten Ireland in five games at Ninian Park, should have made sure of victory in the first half when they dominated the game.

Their only goal netted by left-winger Roy Clarke, of Manchester City, in the tenth minute, was the result of a magnificent run by John Charles, who brought the ball from his own

penalty area to the opposing goalmouth before crossing to Clarke.

With Ivor Allchurch scheming brilliantly, Wales looked well set for a win when they were awarded a penalty in the 21st minute, but Irish goalkeeper Norman Upham (Portsmouth) went full length to save Roy Paul's kick.

A complete change came over the game in the second half. Ireland were on top, with Billy Bingham, Little Sunderland's right-winger, paving the way for the equalising goal two minutes after the resumption when he centred to centre-forward Jimmy Jones, who for once escaped the attention of John Charles.

NIGHTMARE DEBUT
Bingham gave Tottenham full-back, Mel Hopkins, a nightmare debut in international football. Ireland might have snatched victory had the path to goal not been dominated by the towering John Charles.

The Welsh giant deserted the middle of the field only to cover mistakes by his colleagues and it was on one such occasion that Jones, also representing his country for the first time, shot the equaliser.

The International Championship remains wide open. A win for either Scotland or England at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on Saturday would give them the title outright. Should they too draw, then the honour will be shared by all four countries for the first time in 72 years.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS
London, Apr. 11.
Association Football League results today were:

DIVISION 1
Manchester City 3 Sheffield U. 1
C. Alexandra 0 Chester 0
SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION "A"
Dundee 1 Motherwell 1
Glasgow 2 Hearts 1
St. Mirren 1 Celtic 1
Rovers 1
Forfar 1
SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION "B"
Forfar 1
Dundee 1
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H.K. Soccer Team Win In Singapore
Singapore, Apr. 11.
The Hongkong football team today defeated the Singapore Chinese-Malays by five goals to three.

The score at half-time was 2-2.
The home side, which was the more aggressive during most of the game, led 3-2 five minutes after the interval, but the Hongkong XI staged a fine recovery to win the match.

Top scorer for the visitors was Moses, with three goals. Ho Cheung-yau and Lau Chi-lam each scored one goal.—United Press.

HOMESICK BOXER

He Couldn't Adapt Himself To American Way Of Life

Paris, Apr. 11.
Alphonse Hallimi, France's homesick young Bantamweight boxing star, flew back to Paris today from New York without having fought a single bout in the United States. He said he could not adapt himself to the American way of life.

Hallimi, accompanied by his manager, Philippe Filippi, went to the United States on March 17 to join his team-mate, Charles Huze (European Middleweight Champion), and Flyweight Cherif Hamila, after beating Billy Peacock of the United States, on points in Paris.

Filippi hoped that Hallimi's fight in America would win him a bout against Mexico's "Rafael" Garcia, World Bantam Champion, under the rules of the US National Boxing Association, but Hallimi abandoned all his plans and decided to come home.

He will now prepare for his forthcoming fight on French soil.—France-Press.

YESTERDAY'S SOFTBALL

Visiting Shangri-La Side Beaten 5-3 In Farewell Appearance

By "TIME OUT"

Playing inspired ball before a large crowd yesterday, the Combined Europeans unleashed an eight-hit barrage on Shangri-La hurler Wisdom to bring home a neat 5-3 victory, thus avenging the whitewashing the Chinese side suffered on Monday.

Winning hurler Vic Pedruco turned in a fine performance on the slab, limiting the Shangri-La sluggers to four scattered hits, to cap his second triumph against this formidable squad. It should be remembered that Vic was the winning pitcher on Sunday last, when the Shangri-La nine bowed to the Association's Selection 1-2.

Of their three-game appearance here, the final game played yesterday against Hongkong's Combined Europeans held the biggest interest as this thrilling tussle saw the lead changing hands several times before a solid triple by Hank Killeen in the bottom of the seventh posted the lead over to the local quarter permanently.

Once again, the scorecard was opened by the visitors, when in the initial canto slugger Robinson lofted a towering three-bagger after two outs. Following with another long ball, first-sacker Robinson's fly bounced off the outstretched mitt of rightfielder Jerry Remedios to put Robinson across, while Robertson travelled all the way round to third. An infield out then retired the side.

INFIELD BUNGLER

The European contingent fought back valiantly in their half of the first with lead-off man Dickie Chaves obtaining a life on an infield bungle and promptly stealing second on the next pitch, but Wisdom's effectiveness rang true as Benny Omar popped while slugger Hank Killeen and Tony Gutierrez stirred the breeze to leave Chaves stranded.

With the visitors going scoreless in the second frame, the local lads drew even. After one out, fence-buster Budji Dhabar pulled off one of his "specials", a screaming liner over the right-field fence for a triple. Vic Pedruco then dropped a neat bunt to chase him across the pan. After Remedios towered to short for the second out, catcher Matteo punched a liner through the box to place two runners on, but Chaves grounded to end the inning, leaving the score at 1-1.

The fifth frame saw the visitors forging ahead again as Gallinas walked after one out, advancing on a timely single by Wisdom. With two on, Philpott bled out a fly to deep right field, scoring Gallinas on the catch and Cruz popped to Pedruco for the third out.

Sewing up the ballgame again, Remedios opened the European half with a single through short, advancing when Reggie Matos got a life on a fielder's choice. Chaves sacrificed and Hank Killeen's grounder saw Remedios being played at home, but Shangri-La Sasser dropped the ball on the 'ing and all hands were safe. But Benny Omar and Tony Gutierrez failed to connect and the side was retired.

Opening the seventh, Criswell drew a free ticket to first and Moore sacrificed him to second. Shortstop Gallinas then doubled to left to push Criswell over the plate. Wisdom obtained a life on an infield miscue, dying later at second on a force-out through Phelps. With two runners on, second baseman Hank Killeen speared Cruz's fly for the third out.

THE NEXT PITCH

The bottom of the seventh saw the local lads forging ahead when with two on, slugger Hank Killeen lashed a triple to the scoreboard at centre for two runs. Reggie

QUICK TIME GOAL

Thirty seconds after the opening whistle Birfield scored against Newmans in the Birmingham Works League. Twenty seconds later Newmans had equalised and what a break goal it was too! Newmans left-half Clarke took a throw-in, landed the ball in the goalmouth where the surprised Birfield goalkeeper punched into his own net.

Matos was passed after one out, moving up on Dickie Chaves' bunt hit. Hank Killeen then rifled a liner that bounced off the scoreboard at centrefield, settling at third when the pill was finally corralled. Benny Omar then laid a neat bunt-hit but was plastered at second on the next pitch. Once again, Tony Gutierrez faired to end the inning.

Leading 4-3, the Europeans' insurance run came in the eighth when Dhabar singled, advanced on a muck at the plate, and scored on another miscue to the infield to lead 5-3. The Shangri-La final stand at the plate proved fruitless as the determined European side erased the batters in one-two-three order to hand them their second defeat in their three-game series here.

England Scores 18-10 Victory Over France In Rugby League Test

Bradford, Apr. 11.

Great Britain scored a worthy victory by 18 points (three goals, four tries) to ten points (two goals two tries) over France in the Rugby League Test here tonight. The match was marred half way through the second half when Berthomien, the French forward, was sent off following a clash with one of the Great Britain players.

Great Britain possessed the better forwards both in the pack and out, and for a long period France were felled in the middle.

France could not match the clever and strong running of the British centre, Davies and Naughton. But France, though suffering from lack of possession, often handled brightly and individually were thrustful.

The wings, Savonne and Veron, were full of good running and Benasue displayed an impressive repertoire of tricks and good kicking at stand-off half.

Strong tackling by the French held out the aggressive British until just before the interval.

A FINAL RUSH

Kelly made a final diagonal rush to cross the French line near the corner flag, McKewen failing at goal.

Soon after Audy, the French fullback, completely misfielded and Fox snapped up the ball to score a try between the posts. McKewen adding the points to give Britain an 8-0 half-time lead.

There had been little difference between the sides at this stage, though France were showing signs of tiring. Play was mostly in the French half after the interval.

After good work by Davies, Sullivan ran 23 yards to score. The French came back with a try by Savonne, Benasue kicking the goal.

Then Berthomien was ordered off.

McKewen kicked a penalty and converted Fox's try to give Britain an 18-5 lead.

France finished spiritedly, with Levy scoring a try and Benasue adding the points. A crowd of over 10,000 watched the match.—China Mail Special.

Stanton's Team Beaten By Eight Wickets
Port Of Spain, Trinidad.

E. W. Stanton's cricket team were beaten by eight wickets by a West Indies XI in a five-day match which ended here today.

Final scores: Stanton's Team 277 and 221, West Indies XI 302 and 197 for two.—Reuter.

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The Annual General Meet-
ing of the Council will be
held on Thursday, April
19th, 1956, at 5.30 p.m. in the
British Council Library,
Gloucester Building, 1st floor.
Members of the public are
cordially invited.

RUTH KIRBY,
Secretary.

After the meeting, a film
"Through Bamboo" will be
shown in the theatre of the
Public Relations Office,
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West Africans Meet Jet Age For First Time

CANBERRAS CAUSE SENSATION AMONG THE TRIBES

By Ronald Batchelor

Freetown, Apr. 11.

Millions of Africans in Britain's four West African territories, Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and Gambia, have recently met the jet age for the first time.

The arrival of a Royal Air Force squadron of Canberra jet bombers during the recent tour of Nigeria by Queen Elizabeth II produced a sensation among the simple tribes people of these countries probably equal to the effect of their first sight of a white man in the last century.



THEY LEFT MYSTERIOUS TRAILS

from Kano in northern Nigeria after the Queen's departure for England at the end of her tour.

Suspended In
Vacuum

The flight across French Equatorial Africa was about 1,500 miles, most of it at around 50,000 feet—the point where the sky is beginning to take on the blackish hue of a vacuum space and where the temperature outside the cabin is a cool minus 55 degrees Centigrade.

For 3½ hours, except for take-off and landing, we were suspended in a seemingly time-
less vacuum, gulping oxygen like fish in an aquarium.

Our speed varied between 550 and 600 miles per hour, but for all that we could tell we might have been hanging motionless above a mattress of cotton wool.

Strapped in and equipped like space-men, we had little protection but speed—the speed of the jet age which could slice us through the cold, unfriendly upper atmosphere where the sun beat down through the canopy burning the back of a hand, and frost, at the same time, formed inside the cockpit in any time to remind us that it was easy to get cold feet.

Condensation trails, like smoke, poured from the trailing edges of our sister planes to give the only indication of movement. We could fly slightly above these trails, hurtling along as if we were running over a silver railway track.

Local Public
Reassured

Over Freetown, our aircraft, piloted by Squadron Leader George Bastard, DFC, stayed "upstairs" while the rest of the squadron landed. We flew at 50,000 feet to produce those mysterious condensation trails—the first time they have ever been seen in this area.

The reaction on the ground, as we were to discover, was one of wonder. When we landed, we were besieged by eager Africans who wanted detailed explanations of those trails, which many of the population believed were caused by atomic rockets or Men from Mars.

Squadron Leader Bastard, the 33-year-old squadron commander, had to give an immediate Press conference to assure the local Press and public that there was no danger in these condensation trails, which are natural phenomena. It was the same everywhere the squadron flew.

But the biggest thrill for West Africa came with the high-speed flying and aerobatic demonstrations performed by the squadron at eleven towns in the four territories.

Tens of thousands gasped and cheered as the squadron flashed by at rooftop height and proceeded to carry out loops, rolls and high-speed turns which left most people's stomachs in a state of considerable agitation.

Could Earn A
Fortune

Squadron Leader Bastard, who led the squadron into battle against Communist terro-
rists in Malaya recently, and
Flight-Lieutenant Peter Thomas,
who celebrated his 30th birth-
day in West Africa, demon-
strated just how you can throw
a Canberra around the sky like
a fighter.

Their twisting, rolling, looping
and vertical climbing over Lagos
Harbour, for example, caused
several scores of Africans to

leap into the lagoon in sheer excitement and at least a couple of others to fall off their perches in the branches of trees.

These two airmen could both probably earn themselves a considerable fortune by civilian aerobatic displays, but both declare that they would not leave the Royal Air Force "for all the gold in South Africa."

Squadron Leader Bastard left the service early in 1942. A year ago, he was a Canberra from his base at Binbrook in Lincolnshire, to Nairobi, breakfasting in Eng-
land and dining with his
parents, Mr and Mrs S.S.
Bastard, who farm at Nanyuki,
Kenya, the same night.

Flight-Lieutenant Thomas, who, the squadron claims, caused both the Governor and Prime Minister of the Gold Coast to duck hurriedly as he swept over their heads during the squadron's visit to Accra, lives at Wolverhampton.



The Prime Minister, Dr Kwame Nkrumah, became the first West African politician to fly in a jet during the squadron's visit.

He was taken up by Flying Officer Derek Hopkins, of Leath and Eastbourne, with Flying Officer David Brown, of Ealing, as navigator.

The Prime Minister, according to an official Royal Air Force under-statement, was "considerably impressed", as he was hung around the sky at well over 500 miles an hour.

Has Habit Of
Impressing

It will be a long time before West Africans forget No. 9 Squadron with its But insignia. The squadron has a habit of impressing people. It has been doing it ever since it was formed in December 1914 as a reconnaissance and artillery observation unit.

At the outbreak of World War II, the squadron was equipped with Wellingtons and took part in the first bombing raid of the war—the attack on German warships at Brunsbuttel. It also helped later in the war to sink the German battleship Tirpitz.—China Mail Special.

Family Of Man
Exhibition

Emperor Hirohito of Japan and US Ambassador in Tokyo John Allison, right, recently visited the "Family of Man" exhibition. This picture display of different types of human beings, produced by photography Edward Steichen, was first held at the Museum of Modern Art in New York in 1955, since then has toured

Berlin, Paris and London. The exhibition contains some 500 photographs contributed by internationally known cameramen, is being sponsored by the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the U.S. Information Service and a Japanese newspaper.—Express Photo.

Trawlers
Arrested

Rome, Apr. 11.
Twenty Italian trawlers have been seized by a Yugoslav naval vessel and taken to Shibenik, it was learned here today.

According to radio messages the trawlers have been sent to their home ports, the arrests were made in international waters off the Yugoslav coast.

The Italian ANSA agency reported that the Italian Embassy in Belgrade had been instructed to deal with the matter.—France-Press.

20,000 Russian
Warplanes

London, Apr. 11.
Russia has an estimated 20,000 "first line" military aircraft, Parliament was told today.

The Air Secretary, Mr Nigel Birch, said in a written reply that the Soviet Air Force was estimated at that number of modern fighting aircraft.

He said it was not in the public interest to break down the estimate into types of aircraft. Presumably most of the "first line" aircraft are jets. The Secretary was asked how many bombers and fighters the Soviets had.—United Press.

Investigation
Into Death
Of Smuggler

Chamonix, Apr. 11.
French police inspectors are to arrive in Chamonix very shortly to open an investigation into the death of international gold-smuggler Frederic Ebel, and two Alpine guides, who died while trying to cross into Italy last weekend, it was learned tonight.

Rumours were circulating in Chamonix tonight that the three men had not died of cold but of poison.

Some pieces of biscuits, which were rumoured to have been poisoned, were found near the dead body of one of the guides, Paul Demarthal.

The post-mortem on the three corpses, however, said the men had died of exposure.

The three men perished during a mountain blizzard. After the incident, it was disclosed that Ebel was trying to flee from France into Italy and that the French police were on his tracks.—France-Press.

Communist
Boycott
In Algeria

Algiers, Apr. 11.
The Algerian Communist Party today called upon its members to join in the boycott by Algerian Muslims of French-taxed tobacco and cigarettes, amusement halls and cafes.

The party's clandestine newspaper Liberte, announcing the call, said that by observing the boycott and inducing others to follow suit, the Communists would "deal a harsh blow at the colonialist economy."

In the same issue, Liberte called upon all "fighters for freedom" in Algeria to forget their sectarian quarrels and "unite politically and combine their armed forces to gain a speedy victory." —France-Press.

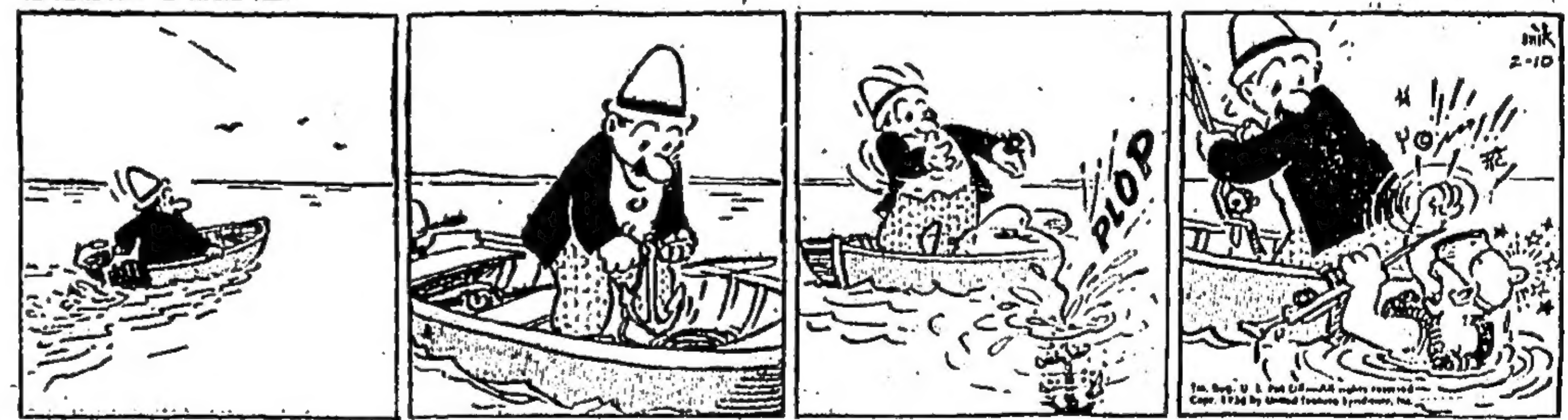
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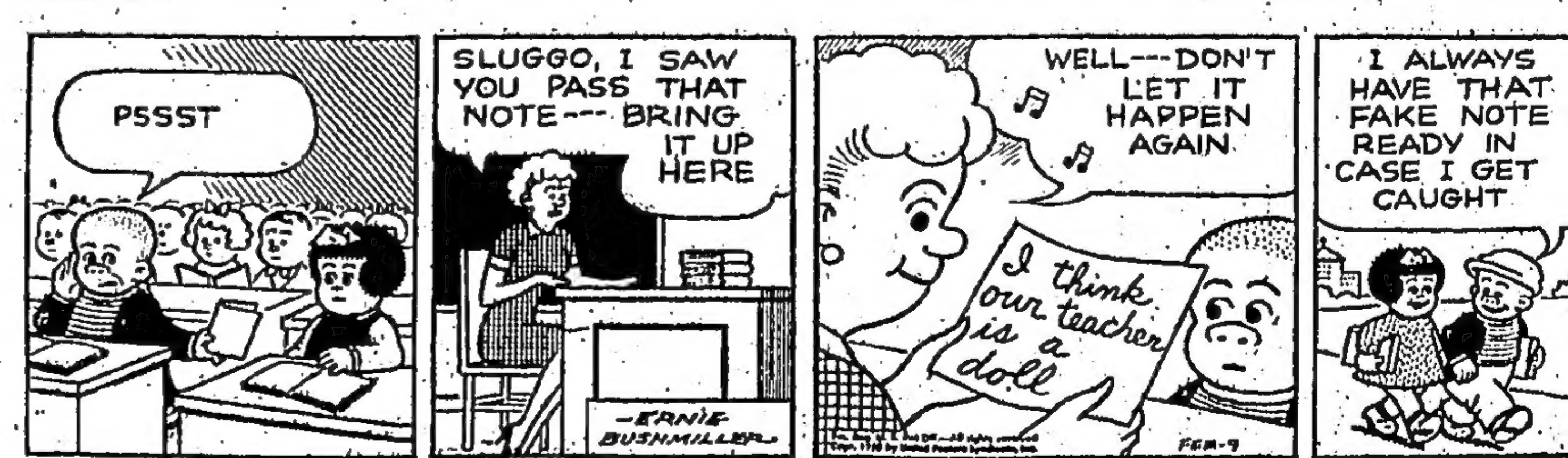
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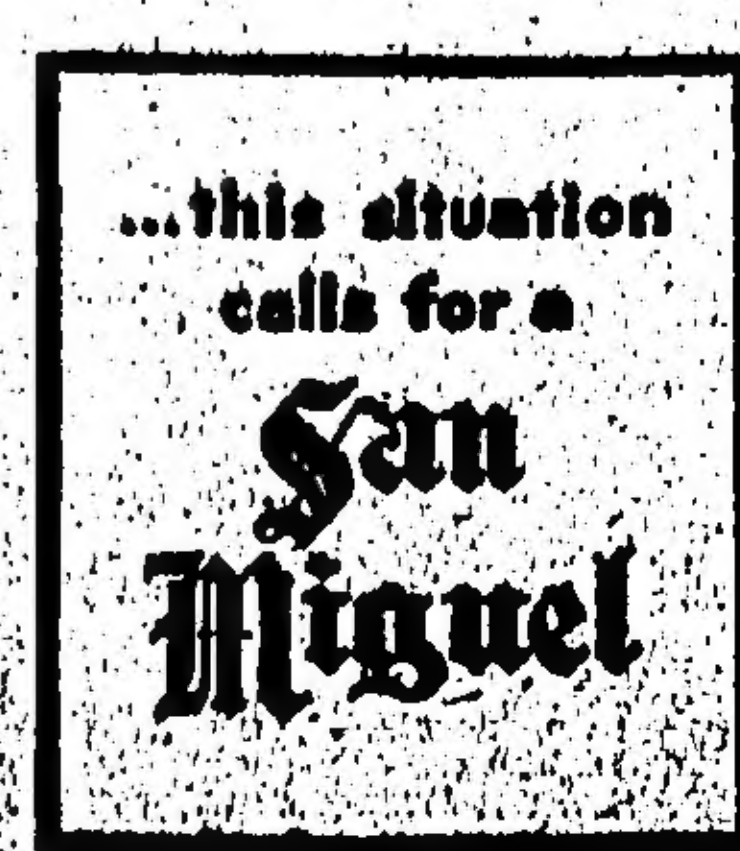
NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

New Industrial Policy For India

New Delhi, Apr. 11. The Indian Government is expected tomorrow to announce a new industrial policy doubling the number of industries reserved for Government monopoly.

The general lines of the new policy will be indicated by the Commerce and Industry Minister, Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, during discussion in the House of the People of grants for his ministry in the coming year.

At present there are nine industries in which the Government reserves exclusive responsibility for further development.

They are coal, iron and steel, aircraft manufacture, shipbuilding, m. coal, tele-communications equipment, arms and ammunition, atomic energy, and railway transport.

To these it is expected that under Government monopoly industries will now be added, namely air transport, heavy castings and forgings, heavy electrical plants, minerals, such as lead, copper, zinc, tin, Molybdenum, and Wolfram, machines for iron and steel production, for making and for machine tool manufacture, diamonds, gypsum, telephone cables, and non-ferrous metals.—Reuter

New York Stocks Recover After Downturn

New York, Apr. 11.

Stocks took an upward turn again today with steel shares, chemicals, metals and oils featuring on a substantial recovery of their wide losses in yesterday's sharp sell-off.

Gains ranged well over a point in most groups and some individual issues added 2 points or more.

Out of a total 1,189 issues appearing on the tape 756 closed higher and only 332 lower. Industrials were up 2.00 on average and rails 1.24 higher. Volume totaled 2,440,000 compared with 2,509,000 shares yesterday.

Coppers Gain

All groups that were harder hit yesterday recovered more than 2 points today with Union Carbide taking the lead of the recovery. Standard Oil of California, Standard Oil of New Jersey regained more than one point each. Kennecott Copper gained 3 points while Reynolds Metal made a point gain. There was continued demand for aircrafts which held fairly well in the sell-off. Boeing and Curtiss-Wright added more than a point each. Motors were firm. Reynolds Tobacco B. responded with a gain of more than 2 points when a company official held out hope for a higher dividend.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,800,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 1,000,000 shares. Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials 102.70
20 rails 100.70
10 utilities 100.20
50 stocks 100.20
40 bonds 97.00
Comm. Future price index 130.41
Moody's index 420.50

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	122 1/2
Allied Chemical	33 1/2
Allied Mills Inc.	33 1/2
Allied Chemicals	33 1/2
American Airlines	24 1/2
American Cable & Radio Corp.	24 1/2
American Cyanamide Co.	24 1/2
Am. Mach. & F. dry.	24 1/2
American Metal	24 1/2
American Smelting	24 1/2
Am. Sugar Ref.	24 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	24 1/2
American Tob. B.	24 1/2
Armstrong Copper	24 1/2
Armstrong Steel	24 1/2
Armstrong	24 1/2
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	24 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	24 1/2
Bendix Aviation Corp.	24 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	24 1/2
Boeing Airplane	24 1/2
Borden (The)	24 1/2
Bureau of Air Machine	24 1/2
Canadian Pacific Ltd.	24 1/2
Case	24 1/2
Chrysler	24 1/2
Coca Cola	24 1/2
Coke & Petroleum Co.	24 1/2

HOLLAND EXPECTS A BIG SPENDING SPREE

£30 Million Increase In Nation's Wage Bill This Month

The Hague, Apr. 10.

The biggest spending spree in Holland since World War II is expected to start soon as a result of recent Government approval for general wage increases for the country's entire working population.

April has been dubbed "the golden month" for shopkeepers. They are anticipating a great increase of sales from bonuses, estimated at 300,000,000 guilders (about £30,000,000 sterling), which wage-earners are expected to get in their pay packets before May 1.

With these bonuses and other wage rises which are expected to follow during the year, Dutch workers are due to get an estimated overall increase of about 1,000,000,000 guilders (about £100,000,000 sterling)—the biggest in any single year since the Liberation from German occupation.

Negotiations over these rises led to one of the bitterest disputes between employers and trade unions in the post-war years which had been marked until then by an almost complete absence of labour strife.

The negotiations broke down twice in the "Foundation of Labour" where employers and trade union leaders have met ever since the war to discuss labour relations and wage claims.

After the first breakdown, the unions said that the Foundation "no longer existed" as far as they were concerned.

The country's industrial peace seemed temporarily threatened by these breakdowns, but the Foundation of Labour, which advises the Government, has had great success in maintaining labour peace since World War II.

Hours of frank and friendly discussion in the Foundation had previously almost always led to a compromise being reached and an unanimous recommendation being forwarded by employers and trade unions to the Government.

Within two weeks early this year, the recent negotiations twice reached a deadlock and the Foundation was forced to go to the Government for a decision.

The Government found a compromise which has been approved by both industry and the unions.

The importance of the compromise, however, was not so much that it saved the working population from the possibility of labour strife, but that it set out a new and freer policy for wages which for many years since the war have been tightly controlled.

The unions had demanded a general wage increase of three per cent for the entire working population, following the post-war tradition of applying any salary increase to every category of wage earner.

The employers opposed this and proposed that salaries should be allowed to increase gradually by a maximum of three per cent in the industries which could afford it.

Faced with a deadlock over the two positions which neither side would modify, the Government decided that present wages should be allowed to rise by a maximum of six per cent.

In effect, this means that unions will have to negotiate with each individual industry on the amount of the increase it will grant, up to the six per cent ceiling, thus restoring a certain freedom in wage negotiations after years of rigid state control.

At the same time, the Government authorised a bonus of three per cent on last year's wages to make up for what the unions claimed was a "lag" in 1955 salaries.

It recommended that the bonuses be paid before May 1, but again left industries free to pay nothing, or less, if they wished.

Two Provisos

The Government, however, added two important provisos to its approval, showing that while it was prepared to abandon some of its former control over wages, it was still determined to fight inflation and rising prices. The provisos were:

★ 1. Wage increases were permitted "provided that they do not essentially disturb the Government's price stabilization policy"; and

★ 2. Industries would be allowed to calculate no more than a maximum of three per cent of the wage increases in their prices if they can prove the need for this to the Government.

In this way, the Government intends to prevent a wages-price-wage price spiral which would be extremely dangerous to the country's economy.

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, Apr. 11. Cotton futures trading ended today while the market waited for the show-down vote in Congress on the farm bill.

Buyers and sellers moved with extra caution, bringing small late rallies and declines over narrow limits.

At the close the list ruled off 4 to up 8 points. Opening prices were unchanged to up 11 points. New Orleans closed unchanged.

Spot market news, textile market developments and accounts of new crop progress continued to get secondary notice as traders fastened attention on the Washington picture.

Statisticians, calculating the possible loan area for the 1955 crop, indicated a range somewhere between 31.50 and 35.20 cents a pound for middling one inch cotton.

This wide difference, plus uncertainty to the Government export programme for surplus raw cotton, also acted to keep a brake on new market interest.

The certificated stock declined 245 bales to 10,918 bales.

Total	60,700	1,633,500	Bulk
NEW YORK			
Prices of futures closed today as follows:			
Spot			30.00n
May			33.75
July			33.67-6
Oct.			32.60
Dec.			32.73-7
Mar.			32.62
			32.44

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The Bonus Lay Ahead

SPRING is a splendid time at which to be given a bonus. An especially splendid time for married men to receive such a token of their employers' regard for them.

For in springtime wives tend to be tempted to leap lightly over the financial fences that pen them in the year round, and indulge their frivolous fancies as extravagantly as they dare.

Without a rising bonus, the housekeeping money suffers, or, if she curbs her instincts, the wife's spirit does. But given such bounty.

Richard said to his wife the other day: "They were saying at the factory the bonus would be coming up, end of this month."

SAME AS LAST YEAR

IT was wonderful news, but Richard's wife was a practical woman. "How much?" she asked. "About the same as last year," Richard answered.

His wife sighed contentedly and began to make a mental list of the things the bonus could buy. There was this item that their two-year-old boy needed, and that for the six-year-old girl, one or two things for the house, and the wonderful, non-sensational trifle she had longed for herself. And, of course, some little thing for Richard.

The week before the bonus was due, Richard went to work in the normal way one day.

ROUTINE CHECK

HE worked at a cigarette factory, had worked there 17 years, since leaving school, except for the years of war, when the Army made a gunner out of him, and returned him to the cigarette factory with a character marked "Exemplary."

The evening of that day Richard clocked off as he had done for so many years. He made for the familiar door. He had no car, no particular worries.

As he was about to cross the threshold of the factory, his way was barred. "Sorry," someone said, "routine check. Let's have a look through your pockets."

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IN Richard's pockets were 40 cigarettes he had stolen. The police were called.

Richard was arrested. At Bow Street next morning, he pleaded guilty to the theft of 40 cigarettes, valued at \$5.60.

He was due for a bonus of \$55, said the policeman to the chief magistrate, Sir Laurence Durne. "His pay was \$9.85 a week. The firm say he was a very good worker."

"Was a very good worker," The job, like the bonus, was gone.

Richard, a good-looking, neatly-dressed man of 33, hung his head in shame for the details read out about his crime. In modesty when the policeman told how good a soldier, how good a worker he had been.

PLENTY OF CHANCES

THE policeman told of many thousands of pounds worth of cigarettes Richard's employers lost each year from pilfering. Of the 55,000 worth of the five-figure loss laid to his account, Richard had nothing to say.

Illinois Voting Seen As Reprieve For Stevenson

Washington, Apr. 11.

The Illinois state primary result was regarded here today as a reprieve for Mr Adlai Stevenson after the earlier setbacks in his campaign for nomination as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate.

Stevenson supporters, who include many of the national Democratic leaders, jubilantly greeted the returns as new evidence of his ability as a vote-getter despite his unexpectedly severe defeats in the recent New Hampshire and Minnesota primaries.

CYPRUS DEBATE

Greek Govt Wins Vote Of Confidence

Athens, Apr. 11.

The Greek Rally Party government of M. Constantinos Karamanlis won a vote of confidence on the Cyprus question tonight by 165 votes to 125.

The Liberal leader, M. George Papandreu, a former premier, had denounced Karamanlis for "lack of sincerity" in giving the House his report on the last Anglo-Greek negotiations on Cyprus.

He added: "Economic, cultural, and normal relations between Greece and Soviet Russia must be reconciled with our commitments towards the Western world."

M. Theodoridis said the Soviet Union should warn the satellites not to interfere in Greece's domestic affairs.—Reuter.

Trade Offer Possible

(Continued from Page 1)

Pavel Komykin, Deputy Foreign Trade Minister, would propose a trade pact with Britain.

British officials are understood to feel that a formal trade agreement is unnecessary and that there are already sufficient opportunities for commercial exchanges given Soviet goodwill.

British officials have told Marshall Bulgakov and Mr Khrushchev they will be free to raise any subject they wish during their London talks with British ministers.

"You may bring up anything you want to," they have been told.

The British view of the forthcoming London talks is that they will provide an opportunity to explain to Western, and especially the British view, and point out outstanding issues, and more importantly will enable British ministers to obtain at first hand an idea of Soviet policy and thinking following the February Communist Party Congress and in the light of the current Soviet drive against Stalinism.

Diplomatic sources said though there would be no agenda for the talks it was certain that disarmament would be discussed against the background of the current London disarmament talks, and the question of Germany would also be raised, but it was understood that the British believe discussion on Germany is likely to be futile at this stage.—Reuter.

Assembly Dissolved

Paris, Apr. 11.

The French Cabinet decided tonight to dissolve the Algerian Assembly.

The Cabinet adopted a decree specifying the classes of reservists likely to be recalled for military service and also a decree adding to those recently adopted for agrarian reform in Algeria.—France-Press.

They claimed that Mr Stevenson had again emerged as the leading contender for the Democratic nomination on two counts:

1. His defeat of the campaign "write-in" on the ballot the name of Senator Estes Kefauver, who was not a candidate in Illinois, and whose victories in the New Hampshire and Minnesota primaries were interpreted generally then as near-fatal blows to Mr Stevenson's own nomination drive;

2. The fact that the latest returns showed him to be running neck-and-neck with President Eisenhower, sharing almost equally the total vote in the Democratic and Republican ballots in a state—Mr Stevenson's home territory—which Mr Eisenhower carried in the 1952 presidential election by a majority of almost 450,000 votes.

NEGATIVE VICTORY

But the optimism extending from the Stevenson camp today did not dispel the feeling in some Democratic quarters that Mr Stevenson's showing in Illinois was a negative victory in the sense that he had to attract a substantial number of votes to retain even a precarious foothold in the presidential race.

The decisive test may well come in the June primary in California, the second largest state in the union.

A setback, added to the setbacks in the Minnesota and New Hampshire primaries could be serious for him and would wipe out the strength he apparently gained in Illinois.

Mr Stevenson therefore must make a good showing in June if he is to be given any chance to attract a substantial number of votes to retain even a precarious foothold in the presidential race.

In the "popularity contest" with President Eisenhower, Mr Stevenson did not appear to make headway in the Illinois farm belt, where voting trends had been closely watched for signs of any revolt against the Eisenhower administration's farm programme.

LEAD C'T

Late returns from the farm areas today cut into Mr Stevenson's earlier lead and, put Mr Eisenhower ahead on a statewide basis.

While Republicans hailed the rural Illinois strength, Democrats claimed that the extremely light vote—about 1,500,000 out of a total of almost 6,000,000 votes—did not reflect a true picture of the farmers' discontent.

In the recent primary in the Wisconsin, President Eisenhower ran ahead on the Republican ballot but saw his vote drop from 75 per cent of the total in the 1952 presidential election to 55 per cent.—China Mail Special.

Rediffusion Feature Tonight

A spot interview with Mr Samuel Goldwyn, Hollywood's famous film executive, in which he expresses his delight at being in Hongkong for last night's charity premiere of his "Guys and Dolls," is featured in Rediffusion's recorded interviews with personalities arriving at the Hoover Theatre for the Gala performance. The programme is being presented tonight at 8.30.

Also heard in this Rediffusion feature programme is Mr E. F. Drumright, United States Consul-General, who with his wife, were guests-of-honour. There are interviews with Hongkong's Five Goldwyn Girls, the Band of the USS Shangri-la is heard in a brief excerpt, and Rediffusion listeners are taken inside the theatre to hear Mr Goldwyn select 20-year-old Irene Malton as the winning Goldwyn Girl of the five beautiful contestants.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Restaurant again? That girl would fix you a few meals at home if you'd flatter her cooking like I did when I courted your mother!"

Shanghai Company Wound Up

A bare quorum of four directors gathered this morning in one of the newly opened offices of Alexandra House to wind up the affairs of the Shanghai Worsted Mill, Limited, after the company's 14th annual meeting.

The Directors were Mr W. C. Gomersall (chairman), Mr Z. V. Chu, Mr A. Drummond, and Mr G. E. Marden.

The company's notice to shareholders stated that the accounts showed a loss equivalent to HK\$1,301,084.

Last year the Directors stated that they could hold out no hopes of effecting, by their efforts, any improvement in the State-imposed operating conditions in Shanghai. This was still the position.

The chairman said, "Our Company is, as you know, registered under the Hongkong Companies Ordinance and all but one of the Directors is a resident outside China. Nevertheless with the exception of certain funds representing the Capital Distribution made last year (mostly in U.S. funds and blocked) all our assets are in China, and are not subject to your Directors' control. It is felt that no future benefit can result to Shareholders by a continuance of this state of affairs and that the Company should be wound up."

RESOLUTION

A proposal that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Messrs S. S. Gordon and G. G. Smith, Chartered Accountants and authorized Liquidators, be appointed to liquidate the Company's assets in China, was proposed by the chairman and seconded by Mr Drummond.

Messrs Z. V. Chu and A. Drummond retired by rotation and did not seek re-election.

The company was formed in Shanghai in 1937 and, owing to the war and to the Communist administration recently, has had a chequered career. But it was prosperous in business immediately after the war.

Menon Flying To Paris For Discussions

Paris, Apr. 11.

The Indian Minister without Portfolio, Mr V. Krishna Menon, will pay a flying visit to Paris tomorrow for discussions with the French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, on Indo-China and other world problems.

Mr Menon will be Mr Pineau's luncheon guest at the Foreign Ministry, where they will have informal talks with no agenda. He will fly back the same evening to London, where he has been engaged in discussions on the future of the divided Indo-China state of Vietnam.

An Indian Embassy spokesman said Indo-China would take top place in tomorrow's talks, but it was likely the two ministers would discuss a number of other subjects, including Algeria; where France is engaged in a bitter struggle with nationalist rebels.

The spokesman said, Mr Menon was expected to inform the French Foreign Minister of developments in London, where British and Russian ministers were today discussing what should be done in Vietnam if the South Vietnamese government maintained its refusal to participate in all-Vietnam elections, provided for this summer in the 1954 armistice agreement.

France is vitally interested in the London talks, which were arranged at India's suggestion.—Reuter.

A HEAVY LOSS

The mills are still in production in Shanghai, but raw wool tops are obtained from the Government, and finished products sold to them, both at controlled rates. The mills have made a heavy loss on the transaction each year.

The procedure for nationalisation likely to be followed is that when the liabilities of the undertaking have reached sufficient proportions, the Communist Government will be asked to accept the mills and plant in settlement.

Ice Fields Imperil Ships

Tokyo, Apr. 11.

The Maritime Safety Board authorities reported today that vast ice fields, covering a distance of 120 miles, have suddenly appeared along the Okhotsk Sea coast of Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, making navigation totally impossible.

They said hard flat blocks of ice on which a man can walk extend from a point ten miles off Abashiri to midway between Soya Cape and the northern tip of Hokkaido, and the southern tip of Russian-occupied Sakhalin island, a distance of 120 miles.

There is also an unusually big ice pack off Shumai Cape, midway along the coast line.

The report said a 1,100-ton ship, the "Shikoku Maru," had been forced to take refuge in a Hokkaido port.—Reuter.

Bus Services Disrupted In K'loon

INDEMNITY FOR COMPENSATION

COURT ACTION SETTLED

An action by a firm of stevedores seeking indemnity for compensation paid to a coolie injured in loading cargo and legal expenses incurred was heard before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Supreme Court this morning.

After an adjournment following the plaintiff's evidence, Mr Leong announced that the parties had come to a settlement and asked for the case to be withdrawn with each side paying their own costs.

The Judge struck out the action and made no order as to costs.

Mail Notices

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THURSDAY, APRIL 12

By Air

Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 8 p.m.

By Air

Thailand, Burma, India, 8 a.m.

Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 10 a.m.

Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.

Formosa, 8 p.m.

U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.

East Africa, S. Africa, (N. & S. Rhodesia), Persia via I.R., 10.30 a.m.

Japan, 1 p.m.

By Air

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kuning, 10 a.m.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Noon.

Philippines, 3 p.m.

Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Formosa, 8 a.m.

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.

Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Italy, Great Britain, Europe, 11 a.m.

U.S.A., C. & S. America, Noon.

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Formosa, 8 a.m.

Plaintiffs were the Hau Tak Transportation Co., of 24 Soy Street, represented by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr J. Arcuill.

Defendants were Wah Shoung-hong, ship-owners and general merchants, of 150 Connaught Road Central, and one of its partners, Chan Mung-lung. They were represented by Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr A. Y. Hon.

Plaintiffs claimed they were employed by the defendants as servants to load cargo under the direction of the defendants on board the ship Liberal. One of the devices which plaintiffs were instructed by defendants to use, broke and a coolie was crushed by the load and seriously injured.

Plaintiffs claimed from the defendants reimbursement on indemnity of a total of \$6,160, being \$5,000 compensation paid to the coolie as ordered by the Kowloon District Court and \$400 legal expenses incurred in defending the coolie's claim.

The Defence maintained that the plaintiffs knew the defendants were acting as the agents of the Man On Godown Co. when they engaged the plaintiffs and denied liability for indemnity.

LEGAL PRINCIPLE

Mr Leong opening his case, told the Court that he was relying on the principle of law that a principal indemnified his agent for any expense incurred in the course of such a relationship.

The Managing-Partner of the plaintiff firm, Lee Chung-kwan, testified that by an oral agreement his firm undertook to load and unload cargo for the plaintiff firm from the ship Liberal. The defendant firm notified him of the day of arrival and asked him to employ coolies for the work. He employed 40 coolies.

Lee said that Yu Wai-yuen of the defendant firm supervised the work of the coolies and directed the cargo into their respective holds.

At 11.30 a.m. on November 10, 1954, during the loading of goods on to the ship from a warehouse, the derrick in the No. 3 hold broke and one of the coolies, Ko Sat, was injured in the back. As a result there was an action for compensation and his firm had to pay \$5,760 compensation plus \$400 legal expenses.

DEMAND REFUSED

Lee said that on April 12, 1955 his solicitors wrote to the defendant firm asking for indemnity of the total amount of \$6,160. Instantly solicitors replied refusing the demand.

The plaintiff said that his firm was paid \$1 a ton per ton of cargo by the defendant firm and out of these monies he paid the coolies.

Cross-examined by Mr Yu, plaintiff said that his was a firm of stevedores and as the result of an introduction he approached the defendant firm for the job.

The number of coolies per hold was more or less fixed in the stevedoring business. The second defendant told him the number of holds and there was no need to have any instructions as to the number of coolies required, said Lee.

Failed To Stop

A motor scooter collided with a male Chinese in Yan Ping Road, in the Eastern District, at 5.15 p.m. yesterday. The driver of the motor scooter failed to stop after the accident.

The pedestrian, Poon Tung, aged 46, sustained injuries and was treated at hospital but was not detained.

There were no bus services in Kowloon from 6 a.m. until 9 a.m. today. Employees of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company staged a three-hour strike allegedly in protest against the arrest of two of their colleagues by the police at about 5 a.m. today allegedly for jumping a bus.

Two men were subsequently released after consultation between the management of the Company and the Police authorities, after which the service started.

It was stated that feeling had been running high between the Police and the bus employees in the last few days because it was alleged that plainclothes policemen refused to pay their fare. It was further alleged that in retaliation the Police issued certain summonses against the bus employees.

COMES TO A HEAD

It was reported that this feeling came to a head this morning when the two busmen were arrested as a result of which all other employees of the company stopped work.

Mr W. Segre, Commanding Officer, Kowloon and New Territories said he did not know that the trouble arose as a result of alleged retaliation against non-payment of fare. He said, however, that he did not expect any further development in the matter.

Mr Louey said that he thought that the entire matter had now been satisfactorily settled.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN

A charge of boarding a moving bus against an employee of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company was withdrawn by the Police before Mr Derek Cons at Kowloon Court this morning.

Insp. C. L. Smith told the court that the Police were not proceeding with the case.

Wong Yee, 47, was alleged to have boarded a bus number 4978 in Lai Chi Koo Road, near Poi Ho Street, on Wednesday, when the bus was moving.

Pickpockets Active

Three cases of larceny from the person in Kowloon and two in Hongkong were reported to the Police yesterday.

A pickpocket stole a quantity of cash and papers from a Chinese woman walking along Shantung Street, Mongkok, while a pair of gold earrings was stolen from a Chinese woman pedestrian in Nga Tsin Long Road, in the Kowloon City District.